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Dear Brothers & Sisters:

In consultation with various local lodges and provincial worker compensation boards, the Boilermaker Union has developed a National Exposure Incident Reporting System for our members which will be titled "*Toxic Registry*". To date only Ontario (WSIB) has agreed to link and assign claim numbers to members who will register an exposure in Ontario. We will continue to lobby other provincial Worker Compensation Boards across the country to participate.

The purpose of this program is to give the local lodges and members the ability to report unexpected workplace exposure(s) and collect information about the exposure(s) as close to the time of the occurrence as possible.

The database will store the following types of information:

- Name(s) of affected members;
- Name(s) of employer;
- Date and location of incident;
- Type of exposure;
- Investigation reports and supporting documentation

This program will allow for the systematic profiling and monitoring of unexpected hazardous exposures, have the potential to improve the early detection of health impacts, back-up to the current local lodge hardcopy system and provide more effective workplace compensation case management should a member become ill due to these types of exposures.

The exposure information in this system will be stored on behalf of the members in a secure database and the reporting process will be streamlined under the secure member's section of www.boilermaker.ca. *We are currently finalizing a simplified reporting form for individual members to initiate a historical exposure report.* Please keep in mind that current and future exposure incidents should be reported through your local lodge who will then record the incident in the database. Further instructions will be posted under the member's section of www.boilermaker.ca.

Future updates on this and other programs will continue to be posted on www.boilermaker.ca and coordinated through the local lodges.

Sincerely & fraternally

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