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DOT REGULATORY ALERT

Mandatory Direct Observation Collections for

DOT Return-to-Duty and Follow-Up Testing

For Immediate Release:

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. -- Effective Monday, August 31, 2009, direct observation for all DOT return-to-duty and follow-up drug testing becomes mandatory rather than remain an employer's option.

On August 31st, be sure to check-out the DOT website for updates to the following downloadable documents:

1. What Employees Need to Know About DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing
2. What Employers Need to Know About DOT Drug and Alcohol Testing
3. DOT's Direct Observation Procedures Poster
4. Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines
5. The Substance Abuse Professionals Guidelines
6. Drug and Alcohol Testing Rule [49 CFR Part 40]

This final rule from the DOT might impact an employer's policy and procedures as well as its interaction with current collection site facilities. Safety First can help you with compliance on this new regulatory change.

Please contact Danny Cooner, Erle Moring or Judy McCracken on how this final rule update from the Department of Transportation might impact your substance abuse testing program.

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