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Dear Employer,

You are receiving this letter because your business is assigned one of the following workers' compensation risk classifications:

- 0301, Landscape construction operations, N.O.C.
- 0302, Brick, block, and stone masonry work, N.O.C.
- 0217, Concrete flatwork – Construction and/or repair: N.O.C.

A review of the paver stone installation industry was conducted to determine if 0302, Masonry, is still the appropriate risk classification for this type of work.

The department is considering reclassifying firms doing paver stone installation work to 0301, Landscape construction. Research indicates:

- Approximately half of the paver stone installation work being done currently is being performed by landscape contractors. Paver stone work appears to be a common activity routinely performed within this industry.
- Firms specializing in paver stone installation are in competition with landscape contractors who also do paver work.
- Paver stone installation companies and landscape construction companies have similar risk exposure to injury due to similar processes.

Actuarial data indicates:

- Moving firms specializing in paver work (who currently report in 0302) to 0301, Landscape construction, would have a small impact on 0301. If the change were already in effect, it would have increased the 2016 composite rate by about \$0.01, from \$2.03/hour to \$2.04/hour.
- The impact of moving paver installation work out of 0302, Masonry, if already in effect, would have reduced the 2016 composite rate for 0302 by about \$0.02, from \$5.55/hour to \$5.53/hour.

We will begin the rule making process shortly. While we are not yet in the formal comment period, we have drafted rule language, and we welcome your input. You may see the draft rules at www.lni.wa.gov/riskclassrules.

If you have comments or questions about the study, draft rule language or rule proposal, please contact me, by email or phone.

Sincerely,

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