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Dear Mr. McConnon:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of July 1, 2008 regarding the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists' position statement entitled, "*State-level Occupational Illness and Injury Epidemiology Capacity*." The position statement outlines the important role that epidemiologists play in public health surveillance and in the prevention of occupational illnesses and injuries.

I appreciate receiving your informational copy of the position statement. I have reviewed its findings and shared it with appropriate OSHA staff.

Thank you for your interest in occupational safety and health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.".

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.