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TO: CEO Supervisors & Managers
M&A Supervisors & Managers

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SUBJECT: Required Daily Fire Rated Clothing

Facilities Services employees who routinely work on or around electrical systems, or who will likely engage in troubleshooting, diagnosing or other tasks that elevate their risk of potential exposure to incidental electrical hazards, are required to wear the appropriate level of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

The Electrical Safety Advisory Team (ESAT) recommends that all such employees working on electrical systems routinely wear fire rated clothing which meets (at minimum) an arc rating of 8 cal/cm² to augment their personal safety.

Based on the ESAT recommendation, employees who routinely work around electricity are now required to use clothing that meets or exceeds the 8 cal/cm² arc rating as their daily work wear. At minimum, fire rated long sleeve shirts and fire rated long pants (or fire rated coveralls), with cotton underwear, are required as the minimum daily work wear for employees working around electricity. Effective October 1, 2012, the following CEO and M&A personnel are required to follow these minimum standards:

- High Voltage Lead Electricians
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- Electrician Leads
- Electricians
- Elevator Mechanic Leads
- Elevator Mechanics
- Lighting/Filter Maintenance Technicians

- Refrigeration Mechanic Leads
- Refrigeration Mechanics
- Fire Alarm Control Technician Leads
- Fire Alarm Control Technicians

In accordance with the WFSE/UW Master Contract Article 12.1, required daily wear (fire rated long sleeve shirt with fire rated pants) will be provided and cleaned by the employer at no cost to employees. Such clothing will be mended or replaced by the employer as necessary due to normal wear and tear. HRC-2 clothing must be worn in accordance with all applicable rules and safety regulations.

Please post this notice in your shops and ensure that all employees subject to wearing this PPE on a daily basis are notified and arrangements are made for purchase of the required clothing.

The Electrical Safety Advisory Team can provide guidance to managers and supervisors regarding implementation of this policy. In order to keep a consistent appearance, a list of approved clothing vendors, styles, and colors for HRC-2 clothing will be made available.

cc: ✓ Tracey Mosier