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NOTICE TO INSURANCE CARRIERS AND SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS UNDER THE LONGSHOREMEN'S AND HARBOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT (LHWCA)

Subject: Conversion to Direct Payment for Section 10(h) Cases

As mentioned in our letter of July 8, 1981, benefits payable under Section 10(h) of the LHWCA will be made directly to claimants and beneficiaries from the Special Fund. September 10, 1981, had been selected as the target date. The payment project is now near completion and is on schedule. Therefore, your firm should not disburse any compensation for 10(h) adjustments for periods of eligibility after September 9, 1981. However, we do ask that you continue to pay the total benefits due, basic and 10(h) adjustments, for any case where eligibility expires between September 10 and October 7 of 1981. You will, of course, receive reimbursement for all 10(h) payments. Application for reimbursement of Section 10(h) adjustments should be made through procedures utilized in the past.

You will shortly be receiving copies of the notification sent to individual claimants. These letters identify the claimants or beneficiaries by case number. Benefit amounts and addresses are also indicated on the copies you will receive. In the event that any information which you possess differs from ours or if we have inadvertently omitted any open cases, please let us know so that corrections can be made. Your continued cooperation and assistance are greatly appreciated.

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