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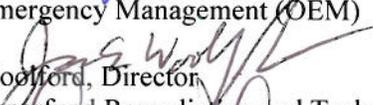
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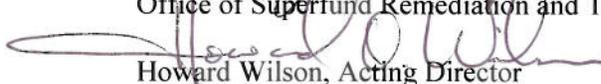
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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Immediate Removal of Exercise Capacity Tests and Cardiac Exercise Stress Tests from the Emergency Responder Health and Safety Manual

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**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of the rescission of Section 3.3.1, Table 1 (**exercise capacity tests or cardiac exercise stress tests**) from the Basic Medical Examination section of the Medical Surveillance Program Chapter of our Emergency Responder Health and Safety Manual. This action is effective immediately.

**DISCUSSION:**

Recent discussions with Federal Occupational Health, as well as with our Tier 2 Health and Safety work group have indicated that both of the subject cardiac capacity tests should not be conducted as part of standard OSC medical monitoring examinations. OSCs will continue to receive an electrocardiogram (EKG) as specified in the Chapter as part of medical monitoring.

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