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RE: New policy on the Inspection of Farm Facilities effective July 1, 2012

Dear Electrical Contractors, Utility Companies, and Electricians:

The mission of Iowa's Electrical Licensing and Inspection program is to provide a safe electrical environment for our citizens where they work, live, or play. It is important in this economy to allocate our resources more efficiently by concentrating more on the personal life safety of individuals rather than focus our efforts entirely on structures many times that are not inhabited or occupied by people. As a result, we will be indefinitely suspending mandatory electrical inspections on a "*farm facility*" which has been defined as a building or structure located on a farm other than a residential, industrial, or public-use building or facility. Any farmer or farmer's designee may, however, voluntarily request an electrical inspection for additional safety if they wish to do so.

Simply stated, once the electrical service (installed by an electrical contractor or the farmer/owner) has been released for connection, the Department of Public Safety will no longer conduct inspections of the feeders or branch circuits to the accessory buildings, grain bins, pole barns, etc. unless requested *or* unless those structures connect to a new or existing dwelling.

Whether inspected or not, the installation shall comply with the current edition of the National Electrical Code® as adopted by the State of Iowa. The Department of Public Safety will continue to provide electrical consultation or advice to electrical contractors, farmers, or homeowners as they continue their electrical installations.

If you have any questions, please call 515-725-6147.