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*Your Outdoor Power
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March 30, 2017

TO: Eric Berg/CAL-OSHA
FR: Trina Panaqua/Garvey Equipment Company
RE: Passive Safety (Wood Chippers)

As briefly discussed by telephone on both March 23rd and today, I am requesting a written response to an issue of concern as it relates to two (2) Department of General Services (DGS) "events" issued on-behalf of the Department of Transportation (DOT) for brush chippers featuring a "bottom feed stop bar".

Specifically, the agency is requesting that the **"bottom stop bar shall be strategically located to make it possible for the operator's leg to strike the bar and shut off the feed either intentionally or automatically in an emergency situation"**. This requirement is language found in the bid documents for Events: 0000004222 and 0000004203.

We do not believe that the "bottom feed stop bar" will activate "automatically" given that it takes thirty-four (34) pounds of pressure and the issue of being strategically located is relative to the circumstances and the activation during an emergency can't be an absolute given the unknown.

Therefore, I'm respectfully requesting your agency's position on the subject of a "bottom feed stop bar" by responding to the following questions:

Does the "bottom feed stop bar" activate automatically?
DO you support a "bottom feed stop bar" or a "passive" device on a wood chipper?

In that said events have been advertised with respective due dates, a written response is requested at your earliest convenience.

Should you have questions regarding our inquiry or require clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us on 800/282-4396 or by email at trina4garvey@hotmail.com.