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ITEM NO. 2

DATE OF MEETING: March 17, 2014

REQUESTED BY: Commissioner Fred McCoy

SHORT TITLE: Recognition of Wilmington Box Company of Burgaw, NC for Receiving the "SHARP" Award for its Safety and Health Conditions for Workers, from the NC Department of Labor: Hobbs Goodwin, President.

BACKGROUND: The North Carolina Department of Labor awarded Wilmington Box Company the SHARP award for its safety and health conditions for workers on February 25, 2014. Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry says it is so important to keep all workers safe. She said once they earn this award, it's like a milestone on a long journey, and it doesn't stop them from continually improving the safety and health of the people in their facility. Ms. Berry says North Carolina leads the nation in the number of SHARP sites.

Wilmington Box Company says it has been working two years to get this award, which fewer than 150 North Carolina business have received. The SHARP award is only given to businesses who have asked the DOL/OSHA Division to inspect their workplace for safety and health issues in a voluntary inspection program and who have passed OSHA's stringent requirements.