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Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2009 12:48 PM
To: Nancy McNamara; Donna Janda; Torre Taylor; Dennis Sollenberger
Cc: James Kottan; Mark Shaffer; Rosetta Virgilio; Mark Thaggard
Subject: RE: NJ DEP furloughs

The NJ Civil Service Commission has given the Governor emergency powers to implement mandatory furlough days. The two largest public worker unions in the State have filed suit to stop the implementation. Unless the court issues an order to stop the Governor, it's a done deal. If the unions agree to forego the pay increase scheduled for July, the Governor is likely not to implement the furlough days.

As a side note, at least 10 other states have taken similar actions to help balance their budgets.

From: Nancy McNamara
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So Donna, is the one day a month furlough a definite????

From: Donna Janda
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Nancy McNamara spoke with Jill Lipoti yesterday and Jill confirmed that the Governor plans to implement two mandatory furlough days (May 22 and June 15) for all State employees due to budget issues. State offices will be closed on these dates.

I spoke with Jenny Goodman, acting for Pat Gardner, and she confirmed that the Bureau will be able to respond to any incidents that occur on the mandatory furlough days. Jenny also stated that the plans for the one day a month furloughs would take place during the FY 2010 fiscal year beginning July 2009. These furloughs would also be implemented as mandatory shut downs (i.e., State offices would be closed on particular dates.) The Bureau will not be able to schedule furlough days according to their own plans. Again, the Bureau will be able to respond to any incidents that occur on dates that the State offices are shut down.

Jenny stated that the unions have sued the State over this issue.

Any questions, let me know.

Thanks,
Donna