



MEMORANDUM

TO: NLA Members

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SUBJECT: CISA Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers

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The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Committee (CISA) issued a guidance document yesterday titled: “Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers.” This guidance is intended to assist State and local governments to ensure that they do not inadvertently issue orders that interfere with critical infrastructure workers. The guidance is not mandatory, but can be cited by industry to help persuade State and local governments to exclude lime plant operations from “shelter in place” and other public health directives.

Some language that may be useful to point to in the guidance includes the following:

- (1) Health Care/Public Health: Manufacturers, technicians, logistics and warehouse operators, and distributors of medical equipment, personal protective equipment (PPE), medical gases, pharmaceuticals, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization supplies, and tissue and paper towel products (p. 5).
- (2) Food & Agriculture: Employees of companies engaged in the production of chemicals, medicines, vaccines, and other substances used by the food and agriculture industry, including pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, minerals, enrichments, and other agricultural production aids (p. 6).
- (3) Water and Wastewater: Chemical disinfectant suppliers for wastewater and personnel protection (p. 8).
- (4) Critical Manufacturing: Workers necessary for the manufacturing of materials and products needed for medical supply chains, transportation, energy, communications, food and agriculture, chemical manufacturing, nuclear facilities, the operation of dams, water and wastewater treatment, emergency services, and the defense industrial base (p. 10).

NLA is participating in CISA conference calls and submitted a formal request for the agency to expressly include lime manufacturing in the next version of their guidance document. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bill at wcherz@lime.org or Bradford at bfrisby@lime.org.