

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration
6393 Oak Tree Blvd
Suite 203
Independence, OH 44131



08/27/2021

Republic Steel
and its successors
2633 8th St. NE
Canton, OH 44704

Dear Employer:

Enclosed you will find citations for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) which may have accompanying proposed penalties. Also enclosed is a booklet entitled, "Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following an OSHA Inspection", (OSHA 3000-04R) revised 2018, which explains your rights and responsibilities under the Act. If you have any questions about the enclosed citations and penalties, I would welcome further discussions in person or by telephone. Please contact me at (216) 447-4194.

You will note on page 6 of the booklet that, for violations which you do not contest, you must (1) notify this office promptly by letter that you have taken appropriate corrective action within the time set forth on the citation; and (2) pay any penalties assessed. Please inform me of the abatement steps you have taken and of their dates together with adequate supporting documentation; e.g., drawings or photographs of corrected conditions, purchase/work orders related to abatement actions, air sampling results. This information will allow us to close the case.

As indicated on page 3 of the booklet, you may request an informal conference with me during the 15-working-day notice of contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation or the penalty.

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of the citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete the attached notice at the bottom of this letter and post it next to the Citations as soon as the time, date and the place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference with you any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as of any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at www.osha.gov. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Howard B. Eberts", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Howard B Eberts
Area Director

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Enclosures

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
Republic Steel
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2633 8th St. NE
Canton, OH 44704

Inspection Number: 1523368
Inspection Date(s): 04/05/2021 - 04/24/2021
Issuance Date: 08/27/2021

Inspection Site:
2633 8th St. NE
Canton, OH 44704

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty **you either call to schedule an informal conference (see paragraph below) or** you mail a notice of contest to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

Posting - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer.

Informal Conference - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Area Director during the 15 working day contest period by calling (216) 447-4194. During such an informal conference, you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Right to Contest – You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. **Unless you inform the Area Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.**

Penalty Payment – Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. (See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982.) Make your check or money order payable to “DOL-OSHA”. Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically at www.pay.gov. At the top of the pay.gov homepage, type "OSHA" in the Search field and select Search. From **OSHA Penalty Payment Form** search result, select Continue. The direct link is:

<https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334>

You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$25,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check, money order, or electronic payment for less than the full amount due, and will process the payments as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

Notification of Corrective Action – For each violation which you do not contest, you must provide **abatement certification** to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. This abatement certification is to be provided by letter within 10 calendar days after each abatement date. Abatement certification includes the date and method of abatement. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A sample abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Citation. In addition, where the citation indicates that **abatement documentation** is necessary, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful – The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an

employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities – The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Notice to Employees – The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Inspection Activity Data – You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at www.osha.gov. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 08/27/2021. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 6393 Oak Tree Blvd, Suite 203, Independence, OH 44131 on _____ at _____.

Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 1523368

Company Name: Republic Steel
Inspection Site: 2633 8th St. NE, Canton, OH 44704
Issuance Date: 08/27/2021

List the specific method of correction for each item on this citation in this package that does not read "Corrected During Inspection" and return to: **U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd, Suite 203, Independence, OH 44131.**

Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

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Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

Citation Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

I certify that the information contained in this document is accurate and that the affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

Signature

Date

Typed or Printed Name

Title

NOTE: 29 USC 666(g) whoever knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, plan or other documents filed or required to be maintained pursuant to the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

POSTING: A copy of completed Corrective Action Worksheet should be posted for employee review

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Republic Steel
Inspection Site: 2633 8th St. NE, Canton, OH 44704

Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7)(i)(A): Authorized employee(s) did not receive training in the recognition of applicable hazardous energy sources, the type and magnitude of the energy available in the workplace, and the methods and means necessary for energy isolation:

On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that employees tasked with servicing and maintaining equipment at the facility had received authorized training in the control of hazardous energies. Employees who perform size changes and setup of the straightener in the QVL department had not received training on the control of hazardous energies. Hazardous energies present on the equipment include but are not limited to pneumatic, hydraulic, mechanical, and electrical.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: September 16, 2021
Proposed Penalty: \$13,653.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.

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Company Name: Republic Steel
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Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.178(l)(1)(i):The employer did not ensure that each powered industrial truck operator is competent to operate a powered industrial truck safely, as demonstrated by the successful completion of the training and evaluation specified in this paragraph (l):

On or about June 21, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that employees tasked with operating the Hyster Fork Truck (Big Red) were trained in the safe use and operation of the vehicle prior to operating it. An employee assigned from one department to another department was tasked with operation of the vehicle without supervision or having completed a training program.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	September 16, 2021
Proposed Penalty:	\$13,653.00

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Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.179(b)(8):Employee(s) other than designated personnel were permitted to operate crane(s):

On or about June 22, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that only designated personnel were permitted to operate the overhead cab operated 25 ton crane located in the #5 steel conditioning department. An employee was tasked with operating the crane who had not received any formal training from the company or observed as having knowledge of the crane tasked with operating.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

September 16, 2021
\$13,653.00

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Citation 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.179(l)(3)(i):Unsafe condition(s) disclosed during the frequent or periodic inspection(s) required by 29 CFR 1910.179(j) were not corrected before operation of the crane(s) was resumed:

On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that unsafe conditions of the #296 overhead cab operated crane located in the QVL department was repaired prior to being utilized again after unsafe conditions were identified. The cab of the crane contained multiple glass windows that were shattered or cracked impairing the vision of the operators.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection
\$9,753.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Republic Steel
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Citation 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.212(a)(1): One or more methods of machine guarding was not provided to protect the operator and other employees in the machine area from hazards such as those created by point of operation, ingoing nip points, rotating parts, flying chips and sparks:

On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that effective machine guarding was in place on the F&C table area located in the QVL department. Light curtains which were installed to protect employees from the automatic movement of the table arms and steel itself were not functioning. Employees on a daily basis, when needed, work directly in the area to free misaligned production bars on the table as well as separate bars which were not singularly picked.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	September 16, 2021
Proposed Penalty:	\$13,653.00

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Citation 1 Item 6 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.219(d)(1):Pulley(s) with part(s) seven feet or less from the floor or work platform were not guarded in accordance with the requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.219(m) and (o):

- a) On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that effective machine guarding was in place to protect employees from the ingoing nip points of the numerous belt and pulley systems located in the non-destructive testing room (NDT room). Barrier guarding was not in place on the outgoing feed belt and pulleys of the Nova table.
- b) On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that effective machine guarding was in place to protect employees from the ingoing nip points of the numerous belt and pulley systems located in the non-destructive testing room (NDT room). Barrier guarding was not in place on the belt and pulleys of the backside of the GE table.
- c) On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that effective machine guarding was in place to protect employees from the ingoing nip points belt and pulley systems of the belt drive for the chamfer. Barrier guarding was not in place on the hazard area located on the runoff table from the straightener to the F&C table.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	September 16, 2021
Proposed Penalty:	\$13,653.00

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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury or illness.

Citation 1 Item 7 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(g)(1)(iv)(A):Flexible cords and/or cables were used as a substitute for the fixed wiring of a structure:

On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that the flexible cords were not used in lieu of permanent wiring of equipment. A flexible cord was used to provide power to a motor located on the backside of the GE table in the NDT room.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

September 16, 2021
\$5,851.00

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Citation 1 Item 7 b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(g)(2)(ii):Flexible cords were not used only in continuous lengths without splice or tap:

On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that flexible cords did not contain splices or taps. A flexible electrical cord used to supply power to the motor on the backside of the GE table contained splices and taps on both ends of the cord.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

September 16, 2021
\$0.00

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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury or illness.

Citation 2 Item 1 a Type of Violation: **Repeat - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.147(d)(3): All energy isolating devices that were needed to control the energy to the machine or equipment were not physically located and operated in such a manner as to isolate the machine or equipment from the energy source(s):

On or about April 5, 2021 the employer did not ensure that the electrical, hydraulic, mechanical, and pneumatic energy disconnects for the straightener line, located in the QVL area, were operated in a manner that isolated the energy source prior to authorized employees performing work, in that locks were not applied to each specific energy source nor were the energy source(s) relieved, disconnected, restrained or otherwise rendered safe during servicing/maintenance and set up operations. Employees were tasked with performing size changes and set up operations on the equipment without the control of hazardous energies taking place.

Republic Steel was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(d)(4)(i), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1102490, citation number 1, item number 2a and was affirmed as a final order on January 18, 2017 with respect to a workplace located at 2633 8TH Street NE, Canton, OH.

Republic Steel was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(d)(3), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 942545, citation number 2, item number 7 and was affirmed as a final order on May 1, 2014 with respect to a workplace located at 401 Rose Ave. SE, Massillon, OH.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	September 16, 2021
Proposed Penalty:	\$136,530.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Republic Steel
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Citation 2 Item 1 b Type of Violation: **Repeat - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.147(d)(4)(i): Lockout or tagout devices were not affixed to each energy isolating device by authorized employees:

On or about April 5, 2021 lockout procedures were not utilized during size change operations of the Straightener line located in the QVL department. Employees were tasked with performing size changes and setting up of the equipment as needed. Isolating devices were not affixed to the electrical, hydraulic, mechanical, and pneumatic energy sources of the equipment during these activities.

Republic Steel was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(d)(4)(i), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1102490, citation number 1, item number 2b and was affirmed as a final order on January 18, 2017 with respect to a workplace located at 2633 8TH Street NE, Canton, OH.

Republic Steel was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(d)(4)(i), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1195209, citation number 2, item number 1c and was affirmed as a final order on June 18, 2018 with respect to a workplace located at 2633 8TH Street NE, Canton, OH.

Republic Steel was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(d)(4)(i), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 942545, citation number 2, item number 8 and was affirmed as a final order on May 1, 2014 with respect to a workplace located at 401 Rose Ave. SE, Massillon, OH.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: September 16, 2021
Proposed Penalty: \$0.00

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Citation 3 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(3): The employer did not ensure that walking-working surfaces are maintained free of hazards such as sharp or protruding objects, loose boards, corrosion, leaks, spills, snow, and ice.

On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that the walking-working area located near 35N door between Bay 21 North and 27 North of the QVL area was free of protruding objects. Remnants of previously installed metal posts and footers projected from the floor in multiple areas. The projections contained varied heights from the floor between 1/4" and 1 1/2" creating trip hazards.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	September 16, 2021
Proposed Penalty:	\$0.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Republic Steel
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Citation 3 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

29 CFR 1910.37(b)(6): Each exit sign was not illuminated to a surface value of at least five foot-candles (54 lux) by a reliable light source and be distinctive in color:

On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that emergency exit doors located in the QVL area of the facility contained illuminated signage describing them as such and for identification in the event of an emergency. Exit doors within the area only contained hand painted lettering on the door.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	September 16, 2021
Proposed Penalty:	\$0.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Republic Steel
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Citation 3 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**


29 CFR 1910.157(e)(3): Portable fire extinguishers were not subjected to an annual maintenance check:. Maintenance check includes an internal examination, except extinguishers with stored pressure.

On or about April 5, 2021 the employer failed to ensure that portable fire extinguishers located throughout the QVL department had not received annual maintenance checks as required. Multiple fire extinguishers available to employees in the area had last been inspected in 2015.

inspect fire extinguishers

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	October 01, 2021
Proposed Penalty:	\$0.00



Howard B Eberts
Area Director

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INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: Republic Steel
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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1523368

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$13,653.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$13,653.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Serious	\$13,653.00
Citation 1 Item 4, Serious	\$9,753.00
Citation 1 Item 5, Serious	\$13,653.00
Citation 1 Item 6, Serious	\$13,653.00
Citation 1 Item 7a, Serious	\$5,851.00
Citation 1 Item 7b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 2 Item 1a, Repeat - Serious	\$136,530.00
Citation 2 Item 1b, Repeat - Serious	\$0.00
Citation 3 Item 1, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00
Citation 3 Item 2, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00
Citation 3 Item 3, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: \$220,399.00

To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly to this Area Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically at www.pay.gov. At the top of the pay.gov homepage, type "OSHA" in the Search field and select Search. From the **OSHA Penalty Payment Form** search result, select Continue. The direct link is: <https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=53090334>. You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$25,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check, money order, or

electronic payment for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

If a personal check is issued, it will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). This means that our bank will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will then usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement. You will not receive your original check back. The bank will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to two times.

Pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 20), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to assess interest, delinquent charges, and administrative costs for the collection of delinquent penalty debts for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Interest: Interest charges will be assessed at an annual rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on all penalty debt amounts not paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the date on which the debt amount becomes due and payable (penalty due date). The current interest rate is one percent (1%). Interest will accrue from the date on which the penalty amounts (as proposed or adjusted) become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (that is, 15 working days from your receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty), unless you file a notice of contest. Interest charges will be waived if the full amount owed is paid within 30 calendar days of the final order.

Delinquent Charges: A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be assessed accruing from the date that the debt became delinquent.

Administrative Costs: Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.



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Area Director

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Date