Occupational Safety and Health Administration 1141 Montlimar Drive Suite 1006 Mobile, AL 36609



Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Dolgencorp, LLC, dba Dollar General Store 7196 and its successors 100 Mission Ridge Road,

Goodlettsville, TN 37072

Inspection Site: 5129 Cottage Hill Road, Store 7196 Mobile, AL 36609

Inspection Number: 1535419

Inspection Date(s): 06/10/2021 - 06/25/2021

Issuance Date: 12/08/2021

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 (251) 441-6131. 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. <u>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.</u>

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.

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on
12/08/2021. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 1141
Montlimar Drive, Suite 1006, Mobile, AL 36609 on at
Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an
informal conference.

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

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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, 1141 Montlimar Drive, Suite 1006, Mobile, AL 36609.

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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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<u>Citation 1 Item 1</u> Type of Violation: **Repeat - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1): All places of employment, passageways, storerooms, and service rooms are not kept clean and orderly and in a sanitary condition.

- a) The employer fails to ensure effective measures to prevent slip, trip and fall hazards, as demonstrated on or about June 10, 2021, in the main storage room/receiving room, where employees move and retrieve stock. To abate this hazard, the employer must ensure boxes of stored product are kept in an orderly manner.
- b) The employer fails to ensure effective measures to prevent slip, trip and fall hazards, as demonstrated on or about June 10, 2021, in the aisles of the main store area, where employees traverse, and move and stock product. To abate this hazard, the employer must ensure that boxes of product, empty boxes, u-boats, and roll-tainers are kept in an orderly manner.
- c) The employer fails to ensure effective measures to prevent slip, trip, fall and struck-by hazards, as demonstrated on or about June 10, 2021, in the front storage room where employees store and retrieve shelving parts used throughout the store. To abate this hazard, the employer must ensure that shelving equipment is kept in an orderly manner.
- d) The employer fails to ensure effective measures to prevent slip, trip, fall and struck-by hazards as demonstrated on or about June 10, 2021, in the front storage room where employees store and retrieve shelving parts used throughout the store. To abate this hazard, the employer must ensure that ceiling tiles and insulation are not allowed to fall from the ceiling and remain on the floor.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1439273, citation number 2, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on April 1, 2020, with respect to a workplace located at 354 E Main Street, Galesburg, IL.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1436276, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on April 1, 2020, with respect to a workplace located at 905 4th Street West, Milan, IL.

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Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a serious violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1498759, citation number 1, item number 1a, and was affirmed as a final order on March 9, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 960 Rt 196, Tobyhanna, PA.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1492446, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on March 9, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 655 Interchange Road, Kresgeville, PA.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1376785, citation number 2, item number 1a, and was affirmed as a final order on July 29, 2019, with respect to a workplace located at 7025 US-231, Panama City, FL.

The Dollar General was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1283802 citation number 1, item number 1 and was affirmed as a final order on January 17, 2018, with respect to a workplace located at 2222 Texoma Parkway, Sherman, TX.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, the employer must submit documents describing the measures it is taking to ensure compliance, including an explanation of how these steps protect its employees from slip, trip and fall hazards.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

December 20, 2021 \$128,733.00

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Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: Repeat - Serious

29 CFR 1910.176(b): Material stored in tiers is not stacked, blocked, interlocked or limited in height so that it is stable and secure against sliding and collapse:

a) The employer fails to ensure effective measures to prevent struck-by, trip, and fall hazards, as demonstrated on or about June 10, 2021, in the back storage/receiving room where employees move and retrieve stock. To abate this hazard, the employer must ensure boxed merchandise that is in storage is less than 7 feet in height and arranged in a stable manner to prevent it from falling onto or in the path of employees.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1450479, citation number 1, item number 4, and was affirmed as a final order on April 8, 2020, with respect to a workplace located at 1111 N Cole Street, Bushnell, IL.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1172115, citation number 1, item number 3, and was affirmed as a final order on June 26, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 1059 Walker Road, Dover, DE.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, the employer must submit documents describing the measures it is taking to ensure compliance, including an explanation of how these steps protect its employees from struck-by, trip, and fall hazards.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

December 20, 2021 \$64,361.00

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<u>Citation 1 Item 3</u> Type of Violation: **Repeat - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(ii):The required working space about electric equipment rated 600 volts, nominal, or less is used for storage:

a) The employer fails to ensure effective measures to prevent slip/trip, struck-by, fire, and electrical hazards as demonstrated on or about June 10, 2021, in font of the electrical panels in the main storage/receiving room where employees move and retrieve stock. To abate this hazard, the employer must ensure that the area in front of electrical panels is kept clear of merchandise, cardboard boxes, u-boats, roll-tainers, plastic bins, and other items.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(ii), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1483184, citation number 1, item number 2, and was affirmed as a final order on September 25, 2020, with respect to a workplace located at 11 River Rd #35, North Arlington, NJ.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(ii), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1301615, citation number 1, item number 2, and was affirmed as a final order on September 23, 2018, with respect to a workplace located at 17 East State Street, Quarryville, PA.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a serious violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(ii), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1280975, citation number 1, item number 1a, and was affirmed as a final order on July 16, 2018, with respect to a workplace located at 700 West End Avenue, Carthage, NY.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(ii), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1201133, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on July 19, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 12674 Rt 19 South, Waterford, PA.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(ii), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1198147, citation number 1, item number 4, and was affirmed as a final order on June 20, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 620 Ronald Reagan Pkwy, Davenport, FL.

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The Dollar General was previously cited for a repeat violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 1910.303(g)(1)(ii), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1184028 citation number 1, item number 3 and was affirmed as a final order on 03/14/17, with respect to a workplace located at 63 Prairie Drive, East Prairie, MO.

Dollar General Corporation was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard, 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(ii), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1180314, citation number 1, item number 3, and was affirmed as a final order on March 31, 2017, with respect to a workplace located at 2906 Hwy 81, Ponce De Leon, FL.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, the employer must submit documents describing the measures it is taking to ensure compliance, including an explanation of how these steps protect its employees from slip/trip, struck-by, fire, and electrical hazards.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

December 20, 2021 \$128,733.00

Jose A. Gonzalez Area Director U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
1141 Montlimar Drive

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INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number:

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Citation 1 Item 1, Repeat - Serious	\$128,733.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Repeat - Serious	\$64,361.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Repeat - Serious	\$128,733.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES:

\$321,827.00

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.

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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.

<u>Interest</u>: 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.

Jose A. Gonzalez

Area Director

12/8/2021

Date