

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration
11 Executive Drive
Suite 11
Fairview Heights, IL 62208



05/12/2022

Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
and its successors
P.O. BOX 1029
Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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 (618) 632-8612.

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,

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Aaron Priddy
Area Director

Enclosures

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
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P.O. BOX 1029
Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Inspection Number: 1565239
Inspection Date(s): 11/19/2021 - 05/10/2022
Issuance Date: 05/12/2022

Inspection Site:
11525 NORTH IL HWY 142
Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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 (618) 632-8612. 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](http://www.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 05/12/2022. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 11 Executive Drive, Suite 11, Fairview Heights, IL 62208 on _____ at

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

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 1565239

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864
Issuance Date: 05/12/2022

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, 11 Executive Drive, Suite 11, Fairview Heights, IL 62208.**

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): _____

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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Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
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Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1): The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees, in that employees were exposed to explosion, deflagration and/or fire hazards:

(a) Employees working in the employer's Mixing Department are exposed to the recognized hazards of explosion, deflagration, and/or fire associated with the employer's use of dust collectors to collect combustible tire compound mixing dust (carbon black mixtures) which are located indoors and are connected directly to mixing equipment. The mixing process presents potential ignition sources into the dust collectors. The direct connection between each mixer and its associated dust collector(s) creates an unimpeded pathway for combustible dust in the dust collector to encounter an ignition source and ignite, causing an explosion, deflagration and/or fire. Employees working near the indoor dust collectors are exposed to explosion, deflagration, and/or fire hazards. Employees working at or near the upstream mixers are exposed deflagration, explosion, and/or fire hazards from the potential unrestrained propagation of flame and/or pressure waves through the ductwork connected to the associated dust collector(s). This was most recently documented on indoor dust collectors such as, but not limited to:

- 1) The Line 21 indoor dust collector on or about November 14, 2021 and at times prior to, located on Floor 3 of the Mixing Department. On November 14, 2021 this dust collector exploded.
- 2) The Line 22 indoor "upper" dust collector on or about February 22, 2022 and at times prior to, located on Floor 3 of the Mixing Department, a similarly configured dust collector as the one that exploded.
- 3) The Line 20 indoor "upper" dust collector on or about February 22, 2022 and at times prior to, located on Floor 3 of the Mixing Department, a similarly configured dust collector as the one that exploded.
- 4) The Line 19 indoor "upper" dust collector on or about February 22, 2022 and at times prior to, located on Floor 3 of the Mixing Department, a similarly configured dust collector as the one that exploded.
- 5) The Line 18 indoor dust collector on or about February 22, 2022 and at times prior to, located on Floor 3 of the Mixing Department, a similarly configured dust collector as the one that exploded.
- 6) The Line 17 indoor dust collector on or about February 22, 2022 and at times prior to, located on Floor 3 of the Mixing Department, a similarly configured dust collector as the one that exploded.

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7) The Line 15 indoor dust collector on or about February 22, 2022 and at times prior to, located on Floor 3 of the Mixing Department, a similarly configured dust collector as the one that exploded.

(b) Employees working in the employer's Mixing Department are exposed to the recognized hazards of explosion, deflagration, and/or fire associated with the employer's use of outdoor dust collectors to collect combustible tire compound mixing dust (carbon black mixtures) which are connected directly to mixing equipment. The mixing process presents potential ignition sources into the dust collectors. The direct connection between each mixer and its associated dust collector(s) creates an unimpeded pathway for combustible dust in the dust collector to encounter an ignition source and ignite, causing an explosion, deflagration and/or fire. Employees working at or near the upstream mixers are exposed to deflagration, explosion, and/or fire hazards from the potential unrestrained propagation of flame and/or pressure waves through the ductwork connected to the associated dust collector(s). Employees working near the outdoor dust collectors are exposed to explosion, deflagration, and/or fire hazards. This was most recently document on outdoor dust collectors such as, but not limited to:

1) The Line 5 outdoor dust collector on or about February 23, 2022 and at times prior to, located on the roof of the Mixing Department, a similarly configured dust collector as the one that exploded.

2) The Line 3 outdoor dust collector on or about February 23, 2022 and at times prior to, located on the roof of the Mixing Department, a similarly configured dust collector as the one that exploded.

3) The Line 6 outdoor dust collector on or about March 29, 2022 and at times prior to, located on the roof of the Mixing Department, a similarly configured dust collector as the one that exploded.

Among other methods, feasible and acceptable means of abatement, are:

National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Standard 654 "Standard for the Prevention of Fire and Dust Explosions from the Manufacturing, Processing, and Handling of Combustible Particulate Solids, 2020 edition" - Sections 9.3.13.1.1 (Location of Air-Material Separators), 9.3.13.1.2 (Protection of Air-Material Separators), 9.7.1 (Explosion Protection for Equipment), 9.7.2 (Isolation of Equipment and Work Areas), Chapter 5 (Hazard Identification), and Chapter 7 (Dust Hazards Analysis, DHA):

1) Provide each indoor dust collector with a means of explosion protection such as, but not limited to: deflagration venting through a listed dust retention and flame-arresting device in accordance with NFPA 68 "Standard on Explosion Protection by Deflagration venting" or a deflagration detection and chemical suppression system in accordance with NFPA 69 "Standard on Explosion Prevention Systems";

2) Provide each outdoor dust collector with a means of explosion protection such as, but not limited to: deflagration venting to a safe outdoor location in accordance with NFPA 68;

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- 3) Provide the dirty air inlet ducting leading to each dust collector handling combustible dust(s) with a means of deflagration propagation protection (isolation) such as, but not limited to: a flow-actuated flap valve in accordance with NFPA 69 (for dust collectors protected by explosion venting) or a deflagration detection and chemical suppression isolation system in accordance with NFPA 69;
- 4) Provide each dust collector with a means of fire protection such as an internal fire detection and extinguishment system in accordance with the applicable NFPA standard(s) for the system chosen;
- 5) Design and maintain the dust collector systems to achieve collection duct velocities of at least 4,000 fpm to prevent settling of combustible dust in the ducts;
- 6) Ensure that each rotary valve installed on the material discharge hopper of each dust collector handling combustible dust(s) is designed, installed, and maintained to provide deflagration propagation protection (isolation) in accordance with NFPA 69; and
- 7) Perform a detailed hazard analysis and dust hazards analysis (DHA) on all systems prior to the selection/design/installation of protective systems.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	August 12, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$10,360.00

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: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
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Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1): The employer must ensure that all places of employment, passageways, storerooms, service rooms, and walking-working surfaces are kept in a clean, orderly, and sanitary condition:

Mixing Department, Line 6 (Floor 1 and Mezzanine): On or about February 24, 2022 and times prior, areas around the Line 6 mixer were not kept in a clean, orderly, and sanitary conditions as carbon black dust was allowed to accumulate in layer form outside of the Line 6 mixer body on elevated horizontal surfaces near the mixer such as, but not limited to, structural beams, HVAC ducting, pipes, conduit, the mixer's body, and the mezzanine platform between Floors 1 and 2.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$10,360.00

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: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
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Citation 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(2): The employer must ensure that the floor of each workroom is maintained in a clean and, to the extent feasible, in a dry condition:

Mixing Department, Floor 3 of older portion of the building: On or about February 8, 2022, February 23, 2022, February 24, 2022, March 29, 2022, April 5, 2022 and times between, the pedestrian and forklift transit floor areas contained standing water from roof leaks in areas such as, but not limited to, the equipment associated with Lines 1, 3, and 5.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

June 08, 2022
\$8,287.00

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Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
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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 4 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(3): The employer must ensure that walking-working surfaces are maintained free of hazards such as sharp or protruding objects, loose boards, corrosion, leaks, spills, snow, and ice:

Mixing Department, Line 6 mezzanine (Between Floors 1 and 2): On or about February 24, 2022 and times prior, the mezzanine level platform between Floors 1 and 2 contained protruding objects in the form of two steel vertical plates mounted near the stairway leading to Floor 1.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 30, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$10,360.00

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

29 CFR 1910.22(d)(2): The employer must ensure that hazardous conditions on walking-working surfaces are corrected or repaired before an employee uses the walking-working surface again. If the correction or repair cannot be made immediately, the hazard must be guarded to prevent employees from using the walking-working surface until the hazard is corrected or repaired:

Mixing Department, Line 6 mezzanine stair system (Between Floors 1 and 2): On or about February 24, 2022 and times prior, the stairway leading to the mezzanine level between Floors 1 and 2 contained an overhead HVAC duct support hanger approximately 6 feet 0 inches from bottom of the first landing which presented a contact hazard to the heads of employees using the stairway. The hazardous condition had not been corrected or repaired, nor the hazard been guarded to prevent employees from using the stairway until corrections or repairs could be made.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 30, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$0.00

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Citation 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.25(b)(3): The employer must ensure that stairs have uniform riser heights and tread depths between landings:

Mixing Department, between Lines 16 and 15 (Floor 2): On or about February 22, 2022 and times prior, the first stair step on the stairway providing access between Floor 2 and Floor 3 did not have uniform riser height and tread depth due to damage.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

June 08, 2022
\$6,215.00

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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 6 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.28(b)(1)(i): Except as provided elsewhere in 29 CFR 1910.28, the employer must ensure that each employee on a walking-working surface with an unprotected side or edge that is 4 feet (1.2 m) or more above a lower level is protected from falling by one or more of the systems described in 29 CFR 1910.28(b)(1)(i)(A)-(C):

- (a) Mixing Department, Upper roof: On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, an employee performing weekly, routine monitoring of the roof mounted Lines 13, and 1 -6 dust collectors was exposed to a fall hazard greater than 4 feet while using a fixed industrial stair system at the Northwest corner of the roof associated with the carbon black tower. The fixed industrial stair systems placement exposed employees to an unguarded roof edge near the stair system along the North edge of the roof.
- (b) Mixing Department, Joint Venture roof: On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, an employee performing weekly, routine monitoring of the roof mounted Lines 7 - 12 dust collectors was exposed to a fall hazard greater than 4 feet while using a door to a stairwell access between the building and the roof. The placement of the access door exposed employees to an unguarded roof edge near the stair system along the West edge of the roof.
- (c) Mixing Department, Line 6 (Floor 1): On or about February 24, 2022, an employee performing servicing and maintenance on the Line 6 Festoon was exposed to a fall hazard greater than 4 feet while working at the end of an open sided elevated work platform at the West end of the machine without a fall protection system in place.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: **June 08, 2022**
Proposed Penalty: **\$10,360.00**

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

29 CFR 1910.28(b)(11)(ii): The employer must ensure that each flight of stairs having at least 3 treads and at least 4 risers is equipped with stair rail systems and handrails as described in 29 CFR 1910.28 Table D-2-Stairway Handrail Requirements:

Mixing Department, Line 6 mezzanine (Between Floors 1 and 2): On or about February 24, 2022 and times prior, the stairway between Floor 2 and the mezzanine level of Line 6 did not contain a stair rail on the East side.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 30, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$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 1 Item 7 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.36(g)(1): The ceiling of an exit route must be at least seven feet six inches (2.3 m) high. Any projection from the ceiling must not reach a point less than six feet eight inches (2.0 m) from the floor:

- (a) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit route leading to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 22 and 21 (North side of stairwell) did not maintain a vertical clearance of at least 6 feet 8 inches as horizontal screw conveyors installed across the path to the exit door were approximately 5 feet 8 inches from the floor. In addition, diagonal structural supports for equipment in the same area descended into the path to the exit door below 6 feet 8 inches (to the floor).
- (b) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit route leading to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 20 and 19 did not maintain a vertical clearance of at least 6 feet 8 inches as the fixed industrial stairs providing access to the mezzanine level above measured as low as approximately 6 feet 1 inch when passing beneath.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: August 12, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$14,502.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
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Citation 1 Item 7 b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.36(g)(2): An exit access must be at least 28 inches (71.1 cm) wide at all points:

- (a) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit route leading to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 22 and 21 (South side of stairwell) did not maintain a width of at least 28 inches as the route along the stairwell wall was measured to be approximately 18 inches wide where the dust collector access ladder was installed and approximately 19 and 1/2 inches where multiple vertical pipes were installed.
- (b) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit route leading to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 22 and 21 (North side of stairwell) did not maintain a width of at least 28 inches as the potential route along the stairwell wall (the only portion of the access without horizontal or diagonal obstructions) was measured to be approximately 13 and 1/2 inches wide.
- (c) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit route leading to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 22 and 21 (North side of stairwell) did not maintain a width of at least 28 inches as the entire East side of the access area was blocked with multiple totes of ingredients and waste.
- (d) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022, the exit route leading to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 20 and 19 did not maintain a width of at least 28 inches as an ingredient tote was being stored to the North of the fixed industrial stairs providing access to the mezzanine level above. The width of the access was measured to be approximately 24 inches due to the obstruction.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: August 12, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$0.00

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

29 CFR 1910.37(a)(3): Exit routes must be free and unobstructed. No materials or equipment may be placed, either permanently or temporarily, within the exit route:

- (a) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit route leading to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 22 and 21 (South side of stairwell) was not free and unobstructed due to the presence of a fixed dust collector access ladder and multiple vertical pipes.
- (b) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit route leading to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 22 and 21 (North side of stairwell) was not free and unobstructed due to the presence of the support structure for multiple ingredient vessels, the horizontal screw conveyors associated with the ingredient vessels, and multiple totes of ingredients and waste.
- (c) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit route leading to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 20 and 19 was not free and unobstructed due to the presence of fixed industrial stairs providing access to the mezzanine level above and an ingredient tote.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: August 12, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$0.00

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



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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 8 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.37(b)(2): Each exit must be clearly visible and marked by a sign reading "Exit":

(a) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit door sign for the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 16 and 15 on the West side of the building was not clearly visible as the sign was not backlit as designed and the presence of a dust layer on the unlit sign.

(b) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit door to the enclosed stairway between Lines 20 and 19 did not contain a sign reading "Exit" and was not clearly visible from the main aisle of Floor 3 to the East due to the presence of fixed equipment.

(c) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit door to the enclosed stairway between Lines 22 and 21 (North side of stairwell) was not clearly visible from the main aisle of Floor 3 due to the presence of fixed equipment and totes.

(d) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the exit door to the enclosed stairway between Lines 22 and 21 (South side of stairwell) was not clearly visible from the main aisle of Floor 3 due to the presence of fixed equipment.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: August 12, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$14,502.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 1 Item 8 b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.37(b)(4): If the direction of travel to the exit or exit discharge is not immediately apparent, signs must be posted along the exit access indicating the direction of travel to the nearest exit and exit discharge. Additionally, the line-of-sight to an exit sign must be clearly visible at all times:

- (a) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, where the direction of travel to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 16 and 15 on the West side of the building was not immediately apparent from the main aisle of Floor 3 to the East, signs were not posted along the exit access indicating the direction of travel to this exit.
- (b) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, where the direction of travel to the exit door and enclosed stairway between Lines 20 and 19 was not immediately apparent from the main aisle of Floor 3, signs were not posted along the exit access indicating the direction of travel to this exit.
- (c) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the line-of-sight to the exit sign on the exit door between Lines 22 and 21 (North side of stairwell) was not clearly visible from the main aisle of Floor 3 due to the presence of fixed equipment and totes.
- (d) Mixing Department (Floor 3): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, the line-of-sight to the exit sign on the exit door between Lines 22 and 21 (South side of stairwell) was not clearly visible from the main aisle of Floor 3 due to the presence of fixed equipment.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: August 12, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$0.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 1 Item 9 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.132(a): Protective equipment, including personal protective equipment for the eyes, face, head, and extremities, protective clothing, respiratory devices, and protection shields and barriers, shall be provided, used, and maintained in a sanitary and reliable condition wherever it is necessary by reason of hazards of process or environment, chemical hazards, radiological hazards, or mechanical irritants encountered in a manner capable of causing injury or impairment in the function of any part of the body through absorption, inhalation, or physical contact:

Mixing Department: On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, where necessary by reason of hazards of process during mixing operations capable of producing flammable vapors including ethanol gas, the employer did not provide and ensure the use of flame-resistant clothing (FRC) to protect tandem mixer operators, such as those operating the Line 21 mixer, from flash fires and flame fronts associated with ignition of flammable vapors.

See National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 2113 "Standard on Selection, Care, Use, and Maintenance of Flame-Resistant Garments for Protection of Industrial Personnel Against Short-Duration Thermal Exposures from Fire" for guidance on flame-resistant clothing.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$14,502.00

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

Inspection Number: 1565239
Inspection Date(s): 11/19/2021 - 05/10/2022
Issuance Date: 05/12/2022



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 1 Item 10 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.133(a)(1): The employer shall ensure that each affected employee uses appropriate eye or face protection when exposed to eye or face hazards from flying particles, molten metal, liquid chemicals, acids or caustic liquids, chemical gases or vapors, or potentially injuries light radiation:

Mixing Department: On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, the employer did not ensure that tandem mixer operators operating mixers, such as the Line 21 tandem mixer, wore eye protection to protect against projectile ingredient particles released from the mixer throat areas during pressure release events.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

June 08, 2022
\$14,502.00

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U.S. Department of Labor
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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 1 Item 11 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.212(a)(1): One or more methods of machine guarding shall be 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:

Mixing Department, Line 16 (Floor 2): On or about February 22, 2022 and times prior, the hydraulic ram of the Kobelco Stewart Bolling, Inc. mixer for Line 16 was missing sections of machine guarding on the South and Southeast sides of the unit exposing mixer operators to hazards created by the moving ram components and stationary machine frame.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: **June 08, 2022**
Proposed Penalty: **\$10,360.00**

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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 12 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(b)(2): Listed or labeled equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with any instructions included in the listing or labeling:

(a) Mixing Department, Line 13 (Floor 2): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, an electrical box located at mixer's throat inlet (just to the South of the charging conveyor) and previously used for an internal telephone communication system housed live parts greater than 50 volts and was in place without the manufacturer's approved cover.

(b) Mixing Department, Line 6 (Floor 2): On or about February 24, 2022 and times prior, an electrical control panel and an associated transformer box located near the mixer's weighing belt area (to the Northwest of the mixer) used to power the pneumatic lifting assist devices on the mixer's weight belt housed live parts greater than 50 volts. The electrical control panel was in use with a damaged and partially attached cover resulting in openings. The transformer box was in use with a damaged box containing openings.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$14,502.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 1 Item 12 b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(g)(2)(i): Except as elsewhere required or permitted by Subpart S of Part 1910, live parts of electric equipment operating at 50 volts or more shall be guarded against accidental contact by use of approved cabinets or other forms of approved enclosures or by any of the means identified in paragraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D) of 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(2)(i):

(a) Mixing Department, Line 13 (Floor 2): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, an electrical box located at mixer's throat inlet (just to the South of the charging conveyor) and previously used for an internal telephone communication system housed live parts greater than 50 volts and was in place without the manufacturer's approved cover.

(b) Mixing Department, Line 6 (Floor 2): On or about February 24, 2022 and times prior, an electrical control panel and an associated transformer box located near the mixer's weighing belt area (to the Northwest of the mixer) used to power the pneumatic lifting assist devices on the mixer's weight belt housed live parts greater than 50 volts. The electrical control panel was in use with a damaged and partially attached cover resulting in openings. The transformer box was in use with a damaged box containing openings.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$0.00

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Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 1 Item 12 c Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(g)(2)(ii): In locations where electric equipment is likely to be exposed to physical damage, enclosures or guards shall be so arranged and of such strength as to prevent such damage:

Mixing Department, Line 6 (Floor 2): On or about February 24, 2022 and times prior, an electrical control panel and an associated transformer box located near the mixer's weighing belt area (to the Northwest of the mixer) used to power the pneumatic lifting assist devices on the mixer's weight belt housed live parts greater than 50 volts. The electrical control panel was in use with a damaged and partially attached cover resulting in openings. The transformer box was in use with a damaged box containing openings.

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Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$0.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 1 Item 12 d Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(b)(2)(i): All pull boxes, junction boxes, and fittings shall be provided with covers identified for the purpose:

(a) Mixing Department, Line 13 (Floor 2): On or about February 23, 2022 and times prior, an electrical box located at mixer's throat inlet (just to the South of the charging conveyor) and previously used for an internal telephone communication system housed live parts greater than 50 volts and was in place without the manufacturer's approved cover.

(b) Mixing Department, Line 6 (Floor 2): On or about February 24, 2022 and times prior, an electrical control panel and an associated transformer box located near the mixer's weighing belt area (to the Northwest of the mixer) used to power the pneumatic lifting assist devices on the mixer's weight belt housed live parts greater than 50 volts. The electrical control panel was in use with a damaged and partially attached cover resulting in openings. The transformer box was in use with a damaged box containing openings.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$0.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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 13 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1200(h)(2)(ii): Employees shall be informed of any operations in their work area where hazardous chemicals are present:

- (a) Mixing Department: On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, employees working with mixing processes involving combustible dusts, including carbon black and sulfur, were not provided information that hazardous combustible dusts were present in their work area operations.
- (b) Mixing Department: On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, employees working with tandem mixing processes capable of producing flammable ethanol gas were not provided information that hazardous ethanol vapors were present in their work area operations.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$14,502.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 1 Item 13 b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1200(h)(3)(ii): Employee training shall include at least the physical, health, simple asphyxiation, combustible dust, and pyrophoric gas hazards, as well as hazards not otherwise classified, of the chemicals in the work area:

- (a) Mixing Department: On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, employees working with mixing processes involving combustible dust, including carbon black and sulfur, were not provided training on combustible dust hazards in the workplace.
- (b) Mixing Department: On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, employees working with tandem mixing processes producing flammable ethanol gas as a byproduct of the mixing process were not provided training on flammable gas hazards in the workplace.
- (c) Mixing Department: On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, employees working with tandem mixing processes generating internal mixer pressure due the formation of water vapor from water/moisture released from an ingredient were not provided training on pressure hazards in the workplace.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$0.00

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Citation 1 Item 13 c Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1200(h)(3)(iii): Employee training shall include at least the measures employees can take to protect themselves from these hazards, including specific procedures the employer has implemented to protect employees from exposure to hazardous chemicals, such as appropriate work practices, emergency procedures, and personal protective equipment to be used:

(a) Mixing Department: On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, employees working with tandem mixing processes with ingredients producing flammable ethanol gas were not provided training on methods to protect themselves from hazardous build-up of flammable gas in the mixers.

(b) Mixing Department: On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, employees working with tandem mixing processes with ingredients releasing water/moisture into the mixer were not provided training on methods to protect themselves from hazardous build-up of pressure from water vapor in the mixers.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$0.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

29 CFR 1904.41(a)(1): Annual electronic submission of OSHA Form 300A Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses by establishments with 250 or more employees. If your establishment had 250 or more employees at any time during the previous calendar year, and this part requires your establishment to keep records, then you must electronically submit information from the OSHA Form 300A Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses to OSHA or OSHA's designee. You must submit the information once a year, no later than the date listed in paragraph (c) of 29 CFR 1904.41 of the year after the calendar year covered by the form:

Continental Tire The Americas, LLC establishment located at 11525 North IL Hwy 142 in Mount Vernon, IL 62864: On or about March 2, 2022 the employer failed to electronically submit information from their OSHA Form 300A or equivalent for calendar year 2021 by March 2, 2022. The establishment employed more than 249 employees during calendar year 2021.

Abatement certification and documentation is not required for this item. The item was abated on 4/27/2022 and verified on 5/11/2022.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	Corrected During Inspection
Proposed Penalty:	\$2,072.00

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

Inspection Number: 1565239
Inspection Date(s): 11/19/2021 - 05/10/2022
Issuance Date: 05/12/2022



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

29 CFR 1910.157(e)(2): Portable extinguishers or hose used in lieu thereof under 29 CFR 1910.157(d)(3) shall be visually inspected monthly:

Mixing Department, Line 21 (Floor 2): On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, the portable fire extinguisher mounted at column P.5 14.5X had not been subject to a visual monthly inspection.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$0.00

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Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864


Citation 2 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

29 CFR 1910.157(e)(3): The employer shall assure that portable fire extinguishers are subject to an annual maintenance check:

Mixing Department, Line 21 (Floor 2): On or about November 14, 2021 and times prior, the portable fire extinguisher mounted at column P.5 14.5X had not been subject to an annual maintenance check.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: June 08, 2022
Proposed Penalty: \$0.00


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Occupational Safety and Health Administration
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**INVOICE /
DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE**

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864
Issuance Date: 05/12/2022

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1565239

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$10,360.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$10,360.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Serious	\$8,287.00
Citation 1 Item 4a, Serious	\$10,360.00
Citation 1 Item 4b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 5, Serious	\$6,215.00
Citation 1 Item 6a, Serious	\$10,360.00

Citation 1 Item 6b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 7a, Serious	\$14,502.00
Citation 1 Item 7b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 7c, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 8a, Serious	\$14,502.00
Citation 1 Item 8b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 9, Serious	\$14,502.00
Citation 1 Item 10, Serious	\$14,502.00
Citation 1 Item 11, Serious	\$10,360.00
Citation 1 Item 12a, Serious	\$14,502.00
Citation 1 Item 12b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 12c, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 12d, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 13a, Serious	\$14,502.00
Citation 1 Item 13b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 13c, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Other-than-Serious	\$2,072.00
Citation 2 Item 2, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00
Citation 2 Item 3, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: \$155,386.00

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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05/12/2022

Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
and its successors
P.O. BOX 1029
Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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 (618) 632-8612.

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,

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Enclosures

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
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P.O. BOX 1029
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Inspection Number: 1564841
Inspection Date(s): 11/18/2021 - 05/10/2022
Issuance Date: 05/12/2022

Inspection Site:
11525 NORTH IL HWY 142
Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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 (618) 632-8612. 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 05/12/2022. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 11 Executive Drive, Suite 11, Fairview Heights, IL 62208 on _____ at

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

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 1564841

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864
Issuance Date: 05/12/2022

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, 11 Executive Drive, Suite 11, Fairview Heights, IL 62208.**

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

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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



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(ii): Procedures did not clearly and specifically outline the scope, purpose, authorization, rules, and techniques to be utilized for the control of hazardous energy, and the means to enforce compliance including, but not limited to, 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(A), (c)(4)(ii)(B), and (c)(4)(ii)(D):

(Instance 1)

On or about November 13, 2022, the Line 4 Mixer energy control procedure developed for the Line 4 Ohio Knife failed to provide a specific statement of the intended use of the procedure to clear rubber from the Ohio Knife shear in accordance with 1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(A). The procedure also failed to clearly identify all of the specific steps to be followed by employees to: shut down the Ohio Knife; isolate all of the Ohio Knife hazardous pneumatic and gravity energy sources; and the use of blocks of rubber to restrain and secure the Ohio Knife shear in the open position to safely de-energize and control the hazardous energy in accordance with 1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(B). The procedures also lacked clear and specific requirements for testing the line 4 Ohio Knife to determine and verify the effectiveness of the lockout devices and energy control measures in accordance with 1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(D).

(Instance 2)

On or about February 24, 2022, the Line 6 energy control procedure developed for the gripper machine inside of the Line 6 Festoon, failed to provide a specific statement of the intended use of the procedure to make adjustments to the gripper machine in accordance with 1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(A). The procedure also failed to clearly identify all of the specific steps to be followed by employees to shut down the gripper machine; isolate all of the gripper machine hazardous pneumatic and gravity energy sources; and block the gripper arm to restrain and secure the gripper machine in the raised position to safely de-energize and control the hazardous energy in accordance with 1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(B). The procedures also lacked clear and specific requirements for testing the line 6 gripper machine to determine and verify the effectiveness of the lockout devices and energy control measures in accordance with 1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(D).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

June 30, 2022
\$10,360.00

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

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

Inspection Number: 1564841
Inspection Date(s): 11/18/2021 - 05/10/2022
Issuance Date: 05/12/2022



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(i): The employer did not conduct a periodic inspection of the energy control procedure at least annually to ensure that the procedure and the requirement of this standard were being followed:

On and before November 13, 2021, the employer's periodic inspection did not ensure that the requirements of this standard were being followed, including, but not limited to: 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(i)(A), the periodic inspection was not conducted by an authorized employee other than the one utilizing the energy control procedure being inspected; and 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(i)(C), the periodic inspection did not include a review between the inspector and any authorized employees.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

June 30, 2022
\$10,360.00

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U.S. Department of Labor
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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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

29 CFR 1910.212(a)(3)(ii): Point(s) of operation of machinery were not guarded to prevent employee(s) from having any part of their body in the danger zone(s) during operating cycle(s):

On or about November 13, 2022, the Ohio Knife (Shear), located on Mixer Line 4, did not have the point of operation guarded.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

June 30, 2022
\$10,360.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Repeat - 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 November 13, 2022, employees conducting cleaning and/or unjamming operations did not receive adequate training in the methods and means necessary for energy isolation.

Continental Tire The Americas, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health Standard 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7)(i)(A), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1467379, citation number 01, item number 002 and was affirmed as a final order on 6-08-2020, with respect to a workplace located at 160 Aldora Street in Barnesville, Georgia.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	June 30, 2022
Proposed Penalty:	\$51,800.00

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



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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

29 CFR 1910.147(d): The established procedure for the application of energy control (the lockout or tagout procedures) was not done in sequence as required by 29 CFR 1910.147(d)(1) through (d)(6):

(Instances 1)

On or about November 13, 2022, an employee was exposed to machine hazards associated with the point of operation during servicing, clearing a jam and cleaning rubber from the Line 4 Ohio Knife (shear). The employer failed to implement energy control application steps as the machine was not shut down or turned off to perform the service work [per the 1910.147(d)(2) requirements]. As a result, the remaining applicable energy control elements, involving machine isolation [(d)(3)], LOTO device application [(d)(4)], dissipation of residual energy [(d)(5)(i)], and verification of isolation [(d)(6)], were not implemented to protect employees from machine servicing hazards.

(Instance 2)

On or about November 13, 2022, a management employee was exposed to machine hazards associated with the point of operation during servicing, the recovery of amputated fingers and cleaning of the Line 4 Ohio Knife (shear). The employer failed to implement energy control application steps as the machine was not shut down or turned off to perform the service work [per the 1910.147(d)(2) requirements]. As a result, the remaining applicable energy control elements, involving machine isolation [(d)(3)], LOTO device application [(d)(4)], dissipation of residual energy [(d)(5)(i)], and verification of isolation [(d)(6)], were not implemented to protect employees from machine servicing hazards

(Instance 3)

On or about February 24, 2022, an employee was exposed to machine hazards associated with the nip points and being struck by the equipment while making alignment adjustments to the gripper machine located inside the Line 6 Festoon. The employer failed to implement energy control application steps as the machine was not shut down or turned off to perform the service work [per the 1910.147(d)(2) requirements]. As a result, the remaining applicable energy control elements, involving machine isolation [(d)(3)], LOTO device application [(d)(4)], dissipation of residual energy [(d)(5)(i)], and verification of isolation [(d)(6)], were not implemented to protect employees from machine servicing hazards

Continental Tire The Americas, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.147(d), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1223352, citation number 02, item number 001 and was affirmed as a final order on 9-20-2017, with respect to a workplace located at 11525 N Illinois Hwy 142 in Mount Vernon, Illinois.

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

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

June 30, 2022
\$103,600.00

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Inspection Date(s): 11/18/2021 - 05/10/2022
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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864

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

29 CFR 1910.144(a)(1)(iii): Emergency stop bars, stop buttons or switches which letters or other markings appear, used for emergency stopping of machinery shall be red.

On or about November 13, 2022, the emergency stop control button, installed on the Line 4 Mixer Ohio Knife (shear) operating control panel, was not red but was a silver and green button that was identical to the start/stop button.

One possible means of abatement is to install emergency control device that is of the self-latching type, be listed as emergency stop device, be colored RED with the background, immediately around the pushbutton, be colored YELLOW, to prevent inadvertent selection from occurring in accordance with the NFPA 79 Electrical Standard for Industrial Machinery - 2021 Edition.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

June 30, 2022
\$0.00

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

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864


Citation 3 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(ii): The periodic inspection certification of energy control procedures did not contain the required documentation on identification of the machine or equipment, inspection date, employees included, and the person performing the inspection:

On and before November 13, 2021, the periodic inspection certification did not identify the machine or equipment, nor the employees who were included as a part of the review between the inspector and the authorized employee that was utilizing the energy control.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

June 30, 2022
\$0.00


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U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
11 Executive Drive
Suite 11
Fairview Heights, IL 62208



INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: Continental Tire The Americas, LLC
Inspection Site: 11525 NORTH IL HWY 142, Mount Vernon, IL 62864
Issuance Date: 05/12/2022

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1564841

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$10,360.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$10,360.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Serious	\$10,360.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Repeat - Serious	\$51,800.00
Citation 2 Item 2, Repeat - Serious	\$103,600.00
Citation 3 Item 1, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00
Citation 3 Item 2, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: **\$186,480.00**

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.

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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