Occupational Safety and Health Administration 444 Regency Parkway Drive Suite 303 Omaha, NE 68114



# Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Mid Nebraska Disposal, Inc. and its successors 3080 W. 2nd Street Grand Island, NE 68803

Inspection Site: 7337 W Blender Rd Grand Island, NE 68803 Inspection Number: 1576915 Inspection Date(s): 02/08/2022 -Issuance Date: 07/27/2022

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 (402) 553-0171. 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

informal conference.	C
. Employees and/or representatives of employe	ees have a right to attend an
Regency Parkway Drive, Suite 303, Omaha, NE 68114 on	at
07/27/2022. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSH	IA office located at 444
An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss t	he citation(s) issued on

#### 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, 444 Regency Parkway Drive, Suite 303, Omaha, NE 68114.

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I certify that the information representatives have been in	n contained in this docume	nt is accurate and that the affected employees and their
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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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 1 a Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1): The employer did not ensure that all places of employment, passageways, storerooms, service rooms, and walking-working surfaces are kept in a clean, orderly, and sanitary condition:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in bailing cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to slip and fall hazards related to excess amount of cardboard and paper debris covering the floor in and around the baler machine and throughout the facility.

Abatement certification is required for this violation. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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# Citation 1 Item 1 b Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.141(a)(5): A continuing, and effective extermination program was not instituted where rodents, insects or other vermin were detected:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in bailing cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to health hazards and unsanitary conditions as a result of the employer's failure to control rodent/vermin infestation in the recycling center.

Abatement certification is required for this violation. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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

Except as provided elsewhere in this section, 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 items outlined in (A), (B) or (C):

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in bailing cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to fall hazards while climbing and entering the baler. The employer has an employee using the platform railing to climb up to and over the edge of the hopper on the bailer as means of access and egress.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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Type of Violation: Serious Citation 1 Item 3

1910.36(e)(1) A side-hinged door must be used to connect any room to an exit route:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to emergency evacuation hazards related to inadequate egress. The employer has the employees using a roll-up door as the only means of access and egress to the facility.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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

29 CFR 1910.146(c)(2): The employer did not inform exposed employees, by posting danger signs or by any other equally effective means, of the existence and location of and the danger posed by the permit spaces:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards as a result of the employers failure to mark the baler as a permit required confined space.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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Citation 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.146(c)(4): When the employer decided that its employees would enter permit spaces, the employer did not develop and implement a written permit space entry program that complied with 29 CFR 1910.146:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards related to entering the baler. The employer has an employee entering a permit required confined space which is the baler, to clear jams without having developed and implemented a written permit space entry program.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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## Citation 1 Item 6 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.146(d)(2): Under the permit-required confined space program required by 29 CFR 1910.146(c)(4), the employer did not identify and evaluate the hazards of permit spaces before employees entered:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards related to entering a permit required confined space in the baler. The employer has the employee entering the baler while exposed to hydraulic operated rams and electrical controls without having previously evaluated the location for the hazards mentioned above.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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# Citation 1 Item 7 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.146(d)(3): Under the permit-required confined space program required by 29 CFR 1910.146(c)(4), the employer did not develop and implement the means, procedures, and practices necessary for safe permit space entry operations, including, but not limited to items (d)(3)(i) through (d)(3)(vi) of this paragraph:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards related to employees entering a permit required confined space in the baler without having developed and implemented an entry procedure that ensures safe entry.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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## Citation 1 Item 8 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.146(d)(4): The employer did not provide the equipment specified in paragraphs (d)(4)(i)-(d)(4)(ix) of this section at no cost to employees, did not maintain that equipment properly, and/or did not ensure that employees use that equipment properly:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards related to employee entering a permit required confined space in the baler without adequate entry equipment.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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Citation 1 Item 9 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.146(d)(6): The employer did not provide at least one attendant outside the permit space into which entry was authorized for the duration of entry operations:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards related to entering a permit required confined space in the baler. The employer has an employee entering the baler to clear jams without having posted an attendant outside the entry location.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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## Citation 1 Item 10 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.146(d)(9): The employer did not develop and implement procedures for summoning rescue and emergency services, for rescuing entrants from permit spaces, for providing necessary emergency services to rescued employees, and/or for preventing unauthorized entry:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards related to entering a permit required confined space in the baler hopper without having developed and implemented procedures for rescue in the event the entrant is trapped.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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## Citation 1 Item 11 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.146(d)(10): The employer did not develop and implement a system for the preparation, issuance, use, and cancellation of entry permits as required by this section:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards related to entering a permit required confined space in the baler hopper without having developed and implemented the use of entry permits.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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# Citation 1 Item 12 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.146(g)(1): The employer did not provide training so that all employees whose work was regulated by 29 CFR 1910.146 (permit required confined spaces) acquired the understanding, knowledge, and skills necessary for the safe performance of the duties assigned under 29 CFR 1910.146:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards in that the employee was not instructed in the recognition of the hazards associated with working in or around the cardboard baler and the methods to mitigate those hazards.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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## Citation 1 Item 13 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(i): Procedures were not developed, documented and utilized for the control of potentially hazardous energy when employees were engaged in activities covered by this section:

The employer is failing to protect employees from caught between and amputation hazards related to maintaining, cleaning and clearing jams on the baler machine. This was most recently document on or about February 7, 2022 at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska. The employees were not instructed in the recognition of hazards associated with developing and implementing procedures for the control of hazardous stored energy to include but not limited to: Electrical, Hydraulic and/or Thermal.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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## Citation 1 Item 14 Type of Violation: Serious

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7)(i): The employer did not provide adequate training to ensure that the purpose and function of the energy control program was understood by employees:

The employer is failing to protect employees from caught between and amputation hazards related to maintaining, cleaning and clearing jams on the baler machine. This was most recently document on or about February 7, 2022 at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska. The employees did not receive adequate training associated with the application of lockout and tag out by the employer.

Abatement certification and abatement documentation is required for this violation. The documentation should include written verification of abatement, applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs or videos which you believe will be helpful. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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# Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: Willful - Serious

29 CFR 1910.146(c)(1): The employer did not evaluate the workplace to determine if any spaces were permitrequired confined spaces:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in bailing cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to caught between and amputation hazards related to employees entering a permit required confined space. The employer had an employee entering the PR-9 Summit Equipment Baler to clear a jam created during the feeding process without having evaluated the cardboard baling process to determine that the inside of the baler is a permit-required confined space thus contributing to the employee's amputation injuries resulting in death.

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## Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: Willful - Serious

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

The employer is failing to protect employees from caught between and amputation hazards related to maintaining, cleaning and clearing jams related to employees clearing jams in a permit required confined space without isolating the hazardous stored energy. This was most recently document on or about February 7, 2022 at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska. The employer had an employee entering the PR-9 Summit Equipment Baler to clear a jam created during the feeding process without affixing a lock to the knife switch on the electrical control box thus creating the employee's amputation injuries resulting in death.

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

29 CFR 1910.157(e)(3): Portable fire extinguishers were not subjected to an annual maintenance check:

On or about February 7, 2022: An employee engaged in baling cardboard at the Mid Nebraska Disposal recycling center at 7337 West Blender Road, Grand Island, Nebraska was exposed to fire hazards associated with lack of annual maintenance checks performed on fire extinguishers in the recycling center.

Abatement certification is required for this violation. The abatement certification sheet is enclosed with the citations.

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Matthew Thurlby

Area Director

Occupational Safety and Health Administration 444 Regency Parkway Drive Suite 303 Omaha, NE 68114



# INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Citation 1 Item 11, Serious	\$10,151.00
Citation 1 Item 12, Serious	\$10,151.00
Citation 1 Item 13, Serious	\$10,151.00

Citation 1 Item 14, Serious	\$10,151.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Willful - Serious	\$101,519.00
Citation 2 Item 2, Willful - Serious	\$101,519.00
Citation 3 Item 1, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00

#### TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES:

\$337,903.00

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

<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.

<u>Delinquent Charges</u>: 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.

Matthew Thurlby

Area Director

Citation and Notification of Penalty