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U.S. Department of Labor

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

8505 W. 183rd Street, Suite C

Tinley Park, IL 60487 Phone: (708) 342-2840 Fax: (708) 444-0042



November 30, 2022

Dear Larisa Rapanick,

On 06/08/2022, an OSHA compliance officer met with you or your representative as part of an inspection at 4840 W. 211th St., Matteson, IL 60443. This letter includes the citations for the violations that were found (see summary below). Please choose one of the three options from the box to the right and complete the associated steps found on the following page within 15 working days.

Please call us if you have any questions about the enclosed citation and/or penalties; we are here to help you choose the best option to resolve your citation as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

mes a Martined James Martineck, Area Director

Your Citation Summary

Dollar Tree Stores, Inc Inspection Number: 1600591

Total Amount Due: \$364,661.00

Payment Due Date: 15 working days

after receipt of

this letter

You must correct each violation by the date listed in the Citation and Notification of Penalty. Please see the violations and the correction deadline for each violation starting on page 6.

Total Number of Violations: 3

Your First Correction Deadline is: December 12, 2022

Step 1 – Choose a Response Option and Act within 15 working days

Respond now before you lose the ability to discuss potential adjustments to penalty amounts and/or due dates. Please choose one option below and complete the steps on the next page.

Option #1 - Discuss with OSHA

I would like to discuss the citation with an OSHA representative. This may lead to changes in the penalty amount, due date or correction deadlines (if appropriate).

Option #2 - Correct and Pay

I agree with the citation, penalties, and correction deadlines, and do not contest.

Option #3 – Contest the Citation

I do not agree with the citation, penalties, and/or correction deadlines, and would like to contest.

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the citation, penalties, and/or correction deadlines, please call us at (708) 342-2840.

Step 2 – Complete One Option Checklist

Please post a copy of the citation at or near the place where each violation occurred, even if you plan to contest. You can use the checklist to the right to help plan your next steps. Please do not send in your checklist.

Option #1 – Discuss with OSHA I will complete by:				
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	2.	Fill in and post the attached "Notice to Emp Conference" after scheduling meeting.	oloyees OSHA Informal	/_
	Option	#2 – Correct Violations and Pay Per	nalty	will complete by:
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魚	2.	Pay the Total Penalty by using one of the following methods: **Include your Inspection Number (see first page) on the payment.**		/_
		Pay Online: Search "OSHA" on www.pay.gov and complete the "OSHA Penalty Payment Form." Pay by debit, credit or Automated Clearing House (ACH) within 15 working days. Penalties over \$25,000 must be paid by ACH and require a Transaction ID (Call 202-693-2170 to obtain one).	Pay by Check: Mail check or money order payable to "DOL-OSHA" for the Total Penalty to the OSHA office listed on the first page within 15 working days.	
Option #3 – Contest the Citation I will complete by:				
		letter of intent to legally contest to the OSHA arked within 15 working days.	A office listed on the first page,	/

Occupational Safety and Health Administration 8505 W. 183rd Street, Suite C Tinley Park, IL 60487



Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Dollar Tree Stores, Inc, dba Dollar Tree Store #3414 and its successors 500 Volvo Parkway Chesapeake, VA 23320

Inspection Site: 4840 W. 211th St. Matteson, IL 60443

Inspection Number: 1600591

Inspection Date(s): 06/08/2022 - 11/25/2022

Issuance Date: 11/30/2022

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 (708) 342-2840. 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.

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NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on
11/30/2022. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 8505 W
183rd Street, Suite C, Tinley Park, IL 60487 on at
Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 1600591

Company Name: Dollar Tree Stores, Inc, dba Dollar Tree Store #3414

Inspection Site: 4840 W. 211th St., Matteson, IL 60443

Issuance Date: 11/30/2022

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, 8505 W. 183rd Street, Suite C, Tinley Park, IL 60487.

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	cument 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: Repeat - Serious

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

a. The employer does not ensure the passageways in the stock room and general condition of the stock room are kept in an orderly condition. On June 8, 2022, at 4840 W. 211th St., Matteson, IL 60443, employees were exposed to slip, trip, fall, and fire hazards within the storeroom from wheeled carts, large boxes, and merchandise throughout the walking-working surface.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1438186, citation number 2, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on April 16, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 4428 North Fwy. Houston, TX 77022.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1440331, citation number 2, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on October 25, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 8020 S 84th Street Lavista, NE 68128.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1443653, citation number 1, item number 1a, and was affirmed as a final order on April 19, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 2708 Renaissance dr. Fort Worth, TX 76105.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1451149, citation number 1, item number 1b, and was affirmed as a final order on August 30, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at Fairlane Village Mall, 7230 Fairlane Village Mall, Pottsville, PA 17901.

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The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1501569, citation number 2, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on May 3, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 1707 East Houston St. Cleveland, TX 77327.

To abate this hazard, the employer must ensure that passageways are kept free and unobstructed.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

December 12, 2022

\$113,960.00

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Inspection Site: 4840 W. 211th St., Matteson, IL 60443

Citation 1 Item 1 b Type of Violation: Repeat - Serious

29 CFR 1910.37(a)(3): Exit route(s) are not kept free and unobstructed:

a. The employer does not ensure the exit routes in the stock room is kept clear and unobstructed. This occurred on June 8, 2022, at 4840 W. 211th St., Matteson, IL 60443, employees are exposed to injuries in the event of an emergency from boxes, merchandise, and product carts (U-boats) that are blocking egress routes.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.37(a)(3), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1452332, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on August 17, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 1407 N. Veterans Pkwy Ste 7, Bloomington, IL 61701.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.37(a)(3), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1451149, citation number 1, item number 1a, and was affirmed as a final order on August 30, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at Fairlane Village Mall, 7230 Fairlane Village Mall, Pottsville, PA 17901.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.37(a)(3), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1447417, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on October 25, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 278 E. Geneva Road, Wheaton, IL 60187.

To abate this hazard, the employer must ensure that exit routes are kept free and unobstructed.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

December 12, 2022

\$0.00

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<u>Citation 1 Item 2</u> Type of Violation: **Repeat - Serious**

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

a. The freight, offloaded from a semi-trailer and brought into the store room, is arranged in a manner that is unstable and not secure. On June 8, 2022, at 4840 W. 211th St., Matteson, IL 60443, employees were exposed to struck-by hazards from unsecure freight that was not stable and stacked at heights exceeding seventy-two (72) inches.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1451149, citation number 1, item number 2, and was affirmed as a final order on August 30, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at Fairlane Village Mall, 7230 Fairlane Village Mall, Pottsville, PA 17901.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1500040, citation number 1, item number 2, and was affirmed as a final order on May 13, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 3485 N. Larcanto Hwy. Beverly Hills, FL 34465.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1579408, citation number 1, item number 2a, and was affirmed as a final order on May 19, 2022, with respect to a workplace located at 395 Admiral Street Providence, RI 02905.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1406066, citation number 2, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on July 19, 2019, with respect to a workplace located at 241-50 Jamaica Ave. Queens Village, NY 11428.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1392698, citation number 1, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on June 26, 2019, with respect to a workplace located at 8795 Southern Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33411.

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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The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.176(b), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1269761, citation number 1, item number 2a, and was affirmed as a final order on September 7, 2018, with respect to a workplace located at 1155 S Havana St. Unit 23 Aurora, CO 80012.

To abate this, the employer must ensure that materials are stacked, blocked, interlocked or limited in height so that it is stable and secure against sliding and collapse.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

December 12, 2022

\$136,741.00

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

29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1): Sufficient access and working space is not provided and maintained about all electric equipment (operating at 600 volts, nominal, or less to ground) to permit ready and safe operation and maintenance of such equipment.

a. The employer does not ensure freight offloaded from semi-trailer(s) maintain the thirty-six (36) inch clearance pathway to electrical breaker panels. On June 8, 2022, at 4840 W. 211th St., Matteson, IL 60443, employees were exposed to electrical hazards from the pathway being less than three (3) feet wide.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1392229, citation number 1, item number 4, and was affirmed as a final order on April 5, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 7 Davis Straits. Falmouth, MA 02540.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1431460, citation number 2, item number 3, and was affirmed as a final order on April 5, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 1041 Commonwealth Avenue. Boston, MA 02134.

The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1432347, citation number 1, item number 3, and was affirmed as a final order on November 17, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 3999 Albany Post Road. Hyde Park, NY 12538.

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The Dollar Tree Stores, Inc. was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1443653, citation number 1, item number 3, and was affirmed as a final order on April 19, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 2708 Renaissance Dr. Fort Worth, TX 76105.

To abate this hazard, the employer must ensure that sufficient access and working space is provided and maintained about all electric equipment.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

December 12, 2022

\$113,960.00

James Martineck
Area Director

Occupational Safety and Health Administration 8505 W. 183rd Street, Suite C Tinley Park, IL 60487



INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: Dollar Tree Stores, Inc, dba Dollar Tree Store #3414

Inspection Site: 4840 W. 211th St., Matteson, IL 60443

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1600591

Citation 1 Item 1a, Repeat - Serious	\$113,960.00
Citation 1 Item 1b, Repeat - Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Repeat - Serious	\$136,741.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Repeat - Serious	\$113,960.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES:

\$364,661.00

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

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

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

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

<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.

Ames a Martineck	11/30/2022
James Martineck	Date
Area Director	