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#### **U.S. Department of Labor**

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

100 N. Broadway Suite 470

Wichita, KS 67202

Phone: (316) 269-6644 Fax: (316) 269-6185



January 23, 2023

Dear David Bye,

On 08/05/2022, an OSHA compliance officer met with you or your representative as part of an inspection at 100 S. Fabpro Way, Kingman, KS 67068. 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,

Todd Underwood, Area Director

# **Your Citation Summary**

Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC Inspection Number: 1612869

Total Amount Due: \$292421.00

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: 02/16/23

# 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 (316) 269-6644.

# **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:
2	<ol> <li>Call: (316) 269-6644 as soon as possible to schedule a meeting with an OSHA representative that must occur within 15 working days of receiving this citation. Bring supporting documentation of existing conditions and corrections done thus far. If necessary, you can still contest the citation after this meeting. **This meeting does NOT extend your 15 working day deadline to contest the citation.**</li> </ol>	/_
	<ol><li>Fill in and post the attached "Notice to Employees OSHA Informal Conference" after scheduling meeting.</li></ol>	/_
	Option #2 – Correct Violations and Pay Penalty	vill complete by:
*	<ol> <li>Correct violations, then complete and mail the attached "Certification of Corrective Action Worksheet" along with the appropriate evidence of repair (e.g. photos, purchase orders, etc.) to the OSHA office listed on the first page, postmarked within 10 calendar days after each violation's correction deadline and include any required evidence. If these documents are transmitted by means other than mailing, the date the Agency received the documents is the date of submission.</li> </ol>	//
Ŕ	<ol> <li>Pay the Total Penalty by using one of the following methods:</li> <li>**Include your Inspection Number (see first page) on the payment.**</li> </ol>	/_
	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:
	Mail a letter of intent to legally contest to the OSHA office listed on the first page, postmarked within <b>15 working days.</b>	/_

Occupational Safety and Health Administration 100 N. Broadway Suite 470 Wichita, KS 67202



# Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers and its successors P.O. Box 517 Kingman, KS 67068

**Inspection Site:** 100 S. Fabpro Way Kingman, KS 67068 **Inspection Number**: 1612869

**Inspection Date(s)**: 08/05/2022 - 01/12/2023

**Issuance Date**: 01/23/2023

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 (316) 269-6644. 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

A telephone informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s	;)
issued on 01/23/2023. The conference will be held by telephone on	at
Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to atte	end an
informal conference.	

#### CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

**Inspection Number: 1612869** 

Company Name: Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers

Inspection Site: 100 S. Fabpro Way, Kingman, KS 67068

Issuance Date: 01/23/2023

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, 100 N. Broadway, Suite 470, Wichita, KS 67202.

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I certify that the information contain representatives have been informed		ate 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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#### **Citation and Notification of Penalty**

Company Name: Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers

Inspection Site: 100 S. Fabpro Way, Kingman, KS 67068

# Citation 1 Item 1 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:

At the employer's manufacturing facility, employee(s) were exposed to slip, trip, and fall hazards when places of employment, passageways, storerooms, and walking-working surfaces were not kept in a clean and orderly condition in the following circumstances:

- 1) At the CAB Area in and around the Compression Auto Bagger (CAB) machine near Tipper #1, large amounts of plastic particulates were laying on the floor and in the walkways.
- 2) In the CAB Area on the upper-level walkway, the walkways and floors contained plastic pieces, and other items, including, but not limited to pieces of metal and a hose.
- 3) At the CAB Area, a 55-gallon drum of industrial hydraulic fluid was found leaking from the top through the bunghole onto the floor.
- 4) In the Recycling Area, the floor contained plastic particulates.
- 5) In the Oil Storage Area, an oil absorbent was on the floor and had not been swept up from the floor.

29 CFR 1903.19(c)(1) requires certification that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Company Name: Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers

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## 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:

In the CAB area, employee(s) engaged in servicing and maintenance activities on the Compression Auto Bagger (CAB) machine, were exposed to amputation, caught in, and lacerations hazards in that the employer did not perform periodic inspections of the existing procedures for machines with dual sources of energy to ensure the procedures were adequate.

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Company Name: Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers

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

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

In the CAB Area, employee(s) engaged in servicing and/or maintenance activities on the Compression Auto Bagger machine were exposed to amputation, caught in, and laceration hazards in that employee(s) were not provided with authorized employee training as it relates to hazardous energy sources, the type and magnitude of the energy available in the workplace, nor the methods and means for energy isolation before engaging in those work operations.

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Company Name: Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers

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

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7)(i)(B): Affected employees were not instructed in the purpose and use of the energy control procedure:

In the CAB Area and the Extrusion Area, employee(s) working in the Compression Auto Bagger (CAB) area and at the #2 Godet extrusion machine at Line 11 were exposed to amputation, caught in, and laceration hazards in that affected employee(s) were not provided with any training as it relates to the purpose and use of the energy control procedures.

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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<u>Citation 1 Item 5</u> Type of Violation: **Serious** 

29 CFR 1910.147(d)(4): A lockout device was not attached to all power sources:

In the CAB Area, on the Compression Auto Bagger (CAB) machine, employee(s) engaged in servicing and/or maintenance activities were exposed to amputation, struck by, caught in, and lacerations hazards in that a lock was not placed on the machine, prior to a clog on the machine being cleared/cleaned.

This was most recently observed when employees were clearing a jam on August 4, 2022.

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Company Name: Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers

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

29 CFR 1910.219(c)(2)(i): All exposed part(s) of horizontal shafting seven (7) feet or less from floor or working platform were not protected by stationary casing(s) enclosing shafting completely or by trough(s) enclosing sides and top or sides and bottom of shafting:

In the CAB Area, employee(s) engaged in plastic manufacturing and production activities at the Compression Auto Bagger (CAB) machine were exposed to amputation and caught-in hazards in that the horizontal rotating shafts for the agitation bar on the outside of Tipper #1 and Tipper #2 near the drive motors were not guarded.

29 CFR 1903.19(c)(1) requires certification that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Company Name: Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers

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

29 CFR 1910.219(c)(4)(i): Unguarded projecting shaft end(s) did not present a smooth edge and end and projected more than one half the diameter of the shaft:

In the CAB Area, employee(s) engaged in plastic manufacturing production activities on the Compression Auto Bagger (CAB) machine were exposed to amputation and caught in hazards in that a one-inch diameter drive shaft end, projected one inch without any type of machine guarding on Tipper #1 and Tipper #2.

29 CFR 1903.19(c)(1) requires certification that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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

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

In the CAB Area, employee(s) engaged in servicing and maintenance activities on the Compression Auto Bagger (CAB) machine at Tippers #1-3 were exposed to electrical, struck-by, amputation, and caught-between hazards in that procedures for the control of potentially hazardous energy were not utilized when employees unjammed the CAB machine.

On August 4, 2022, an employee was fatally injured while working on the CAB machine and attempting to unjam a clog in the chute connected to Tipper #1 without utilizing procedures for the control of potentially hazardous energy.

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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Company Name: Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers

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

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

In the CAB Area, the rotating agitator on the Compression Auto Bagger (CAB) machine at Tipper #1 was guarded by a metal grate. The metal guard was connected to an interlock switch designed to shut the machine off when the grate was opened. On August 4, 2022, an employee was fatally injured when he opened the metal grate and the machine failed to shut off. The employee became entangled in the rotating agitator and died. The machine failed to shut off because the interlock was bypassed with duct tape so that when the guard was opened the agitator continued to rotate. As a result of the bypassed interlock, employees, including the decedent, were exposed to struck-by, amputation, and caught-between hazards from the unguarded rotating agitator on Tipper #1 when the grate was opened.

29 CFR 1903.19(d)(1) requires certification and documentation that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

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

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

In the Extrusion Area, employee(s) engaged in production activities at the #2 Godet of the Line 11 extrusion machine were exposed to amputation and caught in hazards in that the protruding rollers for the machine were not guarded.

Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard, 1910.212(a)(1), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1368959, citation number 1, item number 3, and was affirmed as a final order on 04-08-2019, with respect to a workplace located at 100 Fabpro Way Kingman, KS 67068.

29 CFR 1903.19(c)(1) requires certification that the abatement of the above violation is complete.

#### ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:		February 16, 2023	
Proposed Penalty:		\$31,250.00	
	Todd Underwood		
	Area Director		

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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# INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: Great Lakes Polymer Technologies LLC, dba FabPro Polymers

Inspection Site: 100 S. Fabpro Way, Kingman, KS 67068

**Issuance Date:** 01/23/2023

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1612869

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$11,162.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 1 Item 4, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 1 Item 5, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 1 Item 6, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 1 Item 7, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 2 Item 1a, Willful - Serious	\$156,259.00
Citation 2 Item 1b, Willful - Serious	\$0.00
Citation 3 Item 1, Repeat - Serious	\$31,250.00

#### **TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES:**

\$292,421.00

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:

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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.

<u>Administrative Costs</u>: 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.

Todd Underwood	Date	
Area Director		