

**U.S. Department of Labor**  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 210  
Naperville, IL 60563



## Citation and Notification of Penalty

**To:**  
Rana Meal Solutions, LLC  
and its successors  
1370 Brewster Creek Blvd.  
Bartlett, IL 60103

**Inspection Number:** 1671604  
**Inspection Date(s):** 05/19/2023 - 10/25/2023  
**Issuance Date:** 11/01/2023

**Inspection Site:**  
550 Spitzer Road  
Bartlett, IL 60103

*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 (630) 300-7100. 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](http://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](http://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 11/01/2023. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 210, Naperville, IL 60563 on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET**

**Inspection Number: 1671604**

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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, 1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 210, Naperville, IL 60563.**

Citation Number \_\_\_\_\_ and Item Number \_\_\_\_\_ was corrected on \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.



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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 1910.106(d)(4)(i): Openings of inside storage rooms were not provided with a noncombustible liquid-tight raised sills or ramps at least 4 inches in height, the floor was not at least 4 inches below the surrounding floor, nor was there an open-grated trench inside of the room which drained to a safe location:

On or about May 19, 2023, the chemical storage room, in which the employer stores flammable and combustible liquids, did not have raised sills or ramps at least 4 inches below the surrounding floor. The room also did not have an open-grated trench inside of the room which drained to a safe location. Employees are exposed to potential fire hazards in the event of a chemical spill.

Abatement certification is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(c).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:  
Proposed Penalty:

January 08, 2024  
\$9,822.00



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

29 CFR 1910.106(d)(4)(iv): Ventilation. Every inside storage room shall be provided with either a gravity or a mechanical exhaust ventilation system. Such system shall be designed to provide for a complete change of air within the room at least six times per hour. If a mechanical exhaust system is used, it shall be controlled by a switch located outside of the door. The ventilating equipment and any lighting fixtures shall be operated by the same switch. A pilot light shall be installed adjacent to the switch if Category 1 or 2 flammable liquids, or Category 3 flammable liquids with a flashpoint below 100 °F (37.8 °C), are dispensed within the room. Where gravity ventilation is provided, the fresh air intake, as well as the exhaust outlet from the room, shall be on the exterior of the building in which the room is located.

On or about July 28, 2023, and prior, the employer did not ensure that the ventilating equipment and the lighting fixtures in the chemical storage room were operated by the same switch and located outside of the door. The employees are exposed to potential fire hazards from flammable chemical vapor emissions.

Abatement certification is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(c).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:  
Proposed Penalty:

December 08, 2023  
\$0.00



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Citation 1 Item 2 a 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, the requirements in 29CFR 1910.146(d)(3)(i)-(iv):

- a. On or about September 2, 2023, an employee entered spiral freezer 7, a permit required confined space, and the employer did not implement the means, procedures, and practices necessary for safe entry such as, but not limited to, deenergizing the equipment, monitoring for a hazardous atmosphere, and isolating the ammonia lines.
- b. On or about September 3, 2023, an employee entered spiral freezer 7, a permit required confined space, and the employer did not implement the means, procedures, and practices necessary for safe entry such as, but not limited to, deenergizing the equipment, monitoring for a hazardous atmosphere, and isolating the ammonia lines.
- c. On or about September 10, 2023 an employee entered spiral freezer 3, a permit required confined space, and the employer did not implement the means, procedures, and practices necessary for safe entry such as, but not limited to, deenergizing the equipment, monitoring for a hazardous atmosphere, and isolating the ammonia lines.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

December 08, 2023

Proposed Penalty:

\$7,366.00

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

29 CFR 1910.146(e)(1): Before entry was authorized, the employer did not document the completion of measures required by 29 CFR 1910.146(d)(3) by preparing an entry permit:

- a. On or about September 2, 2023, an employee entered spiral freezer 7, a permit-required confined space, to clean the area. A permit was not completed to ensure that the space was made safe by measures such as, but not limited to, deenergizing the equipment, monitoring for a hazardous atmosphere, and isolating the ammonia lines.
- b. On or about September 3, 2023 an employee entered spiral freezer 7, a permit-required confined space, to inspect the area. A permit was not completed to ensure that the space was made safe by measures such as, but not limited to, deenergizing the equipment, monitoring for a hazardous atmosphere, and isolating the ammonia lines.
- c. On or about September 10, 2023, an employee entered spiral freezer 3, a permit-required confined space, to clean the area. A permit was not completed to ensure that the space was made safe by measures such as, but not limited to, deenergizing the equipment, monitoring for a hazardous atmosphere, and isolating the ammonia lines.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

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December 08, 2023  
\$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 3 a 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.

On or about June 13, 2023, the employer failed to develop, document and utilize a hazardous energy (lockout/tagout) control procedure for the multi-head weigher. Employees were exposed to pinch points while performing servicing and maintenance on the multi-head weigher (M).

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:  
Proposed Penalty:

December 08, 2023  
\$15,625.00

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

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(ii): The 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, the following:

- (A) A specific statement of the intended use of the procedure;
- (B) Specific procedural steps for shutting down, isolating, blocking and securing machines or equipment to control hazardous energy;
- (C) Specific procedural steps for the placement, removal and transfer of lockout devices or tagout devices and the responsibility for them; and
- (D) Specific requirements for testing a machine or equipment to determine and verify the effectiveness of lockout devices, tagout devices, and other energy control measures.

On or about May 3, 2023, and times thereafter, the employer did not ensure that its lockout procedures clearly and specifically addressed the proper shut down, isolation, blocking and securing of the equipment such as, but not limited to, the Doser and the Alifar Pump. Employees were exposed to caught-in and struck-by hazards associated with the unexpected machine start-up or release of energy sources, such as, but not limited to, electrical and pneumatic, when the energy control procedure did not clearly and specifically address the requirements of (A) through (D) prior to inspecting, disassembling, cleaning, repairing, and performing other maintenance tasks.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

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\$0.00

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

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7)(iii)(B): Additional retraining shall also be conducted whenever a periodic inspection under paragraph (c)(6) of this section reveals, or whenever the employer has reason to believe that there are deviations from or inadequacies in the employee's knowledge or use of the energy control procedures.

On or about May 3, 2023, the employer failed to retrain all employees involved in a group servicing activity on the Doser machine that was not de-energized prior to performing work. Energy controls were not followed resulting in an amputation injury to one of the employees.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

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\$0.00

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

29 CFR 1910.147(f)(3): When servicing and/or maintenance was performed by a crew, craft, department or other group, the employer did not ensure that employee(s) utilized a procedure which affords the employees a level of protection equivalent to that provided by the implementation of a personal lockout or tagout device:

On or about June 8, 2023, employees were performing servicing and maintenance on the Mondini Heat Sealer machine on line 1. The employer did not ensure that employees affixed a personal lock to the machine while multiple employees were performing cleaning exposing employees to thermal and crushing hazards.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

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\$12,278.00

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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 5 a** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.184(d): Inspections. Each day before being used, the sling and all fastenings and attachments shall be inspected for damage or defects by a competent person designated by the employer. Additional inspections shall be performed during sling use, where service conditions warrant. Damaged or defective slings shall be immediately removed from service.

- a. On or about June 9, 2023 , employee(s) were using alloy steel chains to lift the cover of the tray former located on machine J and did not perform daily inspections of the chains.
- b. On or about, June 14, 2023 employee(s) were using alloy steel chains to lift the cover of the tray former located on machine J and did not perform daily inspections chains. The chain had a damaged link exposing employees to struck by hazards.

Abatement certification is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(c).

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\$12,278.00

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

29 CFR 1910.184(e)(1): Alloy steel sling(s) did not have permanently affixed durable identification stating size, grade, rated capacity, and reach:

- a. On or about, June 9, 2023, employee(s) were using alloy steel chains to lift the cover of the tray former located on machine J and there was not an identification tag on the chain or information available to the employees with the size, grade, rated capacity and reach.
- b. On or about, June 14, 2023 employee(s) were using alloy steel chains to lift the cover of the tray former located on machine J tray former and there was not an identification tag on the chain or information available to the employees with the size, grade, rated capacity and reach.

Employees were exposed to struck-by hazards in the event that the chain failed.

Abatement certification is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(c).

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\$0.00

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Citation 1 Item 6    Type of Violation: **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:

On or about June 8, 2023, employees were assigned to remove dough from the Seydelmann Machine (SN 150561) where there was a caught-in hazard between the rotating diverter-shaft and the frame. The machine was not guarded to prevent employees from accessing pinch points likely to result in serious injury.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

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\$15,625.00

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

29 CFR 1910.219(f)(3): Sprocket wheels and chains which were seven (7) feet or less above floors or platforms were not enclosed:

On or about May 22, 2023, and after, employee(s) removing containers/jars from the conveyor line in the hot sauce room were exposed to pinch points from the unguarded moving chain and rotating sprockets.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

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

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(i): The employer shall conduct a periodic inspection of the energy control procedure at least annually to ensure that the procedure and the requirements of this standard are being followed.

On or about May 3, 2023, the employer had not conducted annual periodic inspections of the energy control procedures including, but not limited to, the Doser Machine. Employees were exposed to caught-in and struck-by hazards associated with unexpected start-up or release of electrical and pneumatic energy sources during servicing and maintenance tasks due to the lack of periodic inspections to identify any deviations or inadequacies for correction.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

Rana Meal Solutions, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health Standard 29 CFR 1910.146(c)(6)(i), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1470814, citation number 01, item number 001 and was affirmed as a final order on October 25, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 550 Spitzer Road, Bartlett, IL 60103.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

December 08, 2023

Proposed Penalty:

\$61,391.00

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### 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) did not cover the actions listed in and was not done in sequence as required by 29 CFR 1910.147(d)(1)-(6):

- (1) prepare for shutdown,
- (2) shut down machine or equipment,
- (3) physically locate and operate energy isolating devices in such a manner as to isolate the machine or equipment from the energy source,
- (4) affix lockout or tagout devices to each energy isolating device by authorized employee,
- (5) relieve, disconnect, restrain or otherwise render safe all stored or residual energy,
- (6) verify that isolation and de-energization of the machine or equipment have been accomplished:

a. On or about May 3, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the Doser machine and the Mondini line #3 were de-energized prior to inspecting for broken valve pieces. Employees had their hands and fingers exposed to caught-in hazards of moving ejector heads likely to result in a serious injury such as an amputation.

b. On or about June 13, 2023, the employer did not ensure that the Multi-Head Weigher (M) was de-energized prior to adjusting a latch to unjam the machine. Employees had their hands and fingers exposed to pinch points likely to result in serious injury.

c. On or about July 24, 2023, the employer did not ensure that Doser machines were completely de-energized prior to starting change-overs. Employees had their hands and fingers exposed to caught-in hazards likely to result in serious injury because all energy sources, including pneumatic, were not isolated, locked out, and dissipated.

Rana Meal Solutions, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(d), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1051117, citation number 1, item number 1b, and was affirmed as a final order on April 20, 2016, with respect to a workplace located at 550 Spitzer Road, Bartlett, IL 60103.

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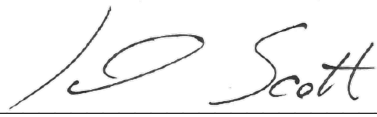
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Rana Meal Solutions, LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(d), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 1470814, citation number 2, item number 1 and was affirmed as a final order on October 25, 2021, with respect to a workplace located at 550 Spitzer Road, Bartlett, IL 60103.

Abatement documentation is required for this item in accordance with the requirements of 29 CFR 1903.19(d).

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:  
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December 08, 2023  
\$122,782.00

  
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**Jacob Scott**  
Area Director

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  
1771 West Diehl Road, Suite 210  
Naperville, IL 60563



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**INVOICE /  
DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE**

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**Company Name: Rana Meal Solutions, LLC**  
**Inspection Site: 550 Spitzer Road, Bartlett, IL 60103**  
**Issuance Date: 11/01/2023**  
Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1671604

Citation 1 Item 1a, Serious	\$9,822.00
Citation 1 Item 1b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 2a, Serious	\$7,366.00
Citation 1 Item 2b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 3a, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 1 Item 3b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 3c, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 4, Serious	\$12,278.00
Citation 1 Item 5a, Serious	\$12,278.00
Citation 1 Item 5b, Serious	\$0.00
Citation 1 Item 6, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 1 Item 7, Serious	\$15,625.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Repeat - Serious	\$61,391.00
Citation 2 Item 2, Repeat - Serious	\$122,782.00

**TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: **\$272,792.00****

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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](http://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 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.



11/1/2023

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