

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration
639 Granite Street
Suite 114
Braintree, MA 02184



11/16/2023

John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc.
and its successors
31-33 Middleboro Road
East Freetown, MA 02717

Dear Employer:

Enclosed you will find citations for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) which may have accompanying proposed penalties. Also enclosed is a booklet entitled, "Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following an OSHA Inspection", (OSHA 3000-04R) revised 2018, which explains your rights and responsibilities under the Act. If you have any questions about the enclosed citations and penalties, I would welcome further discussions in person or by telephone. Please contact me at (617) 565-6924.

You will note on page 6 of the booklet that, for violations which you do not contest, you must (1) notify this office promptly by letter that you have taken appropriate corrective action within the time set forth on the citation; and (2) pay any penalties assessed. Please inform me of the abatement steps you have taken and of their dates together with adequate supporting documentation; e.g., drawings or photographs of corrected conditions, purchase/work orders related to abatement actions, air sampling results. This information will allow us to close the case.

As indicated on page 3 of the booklet, you may request an informal conference with me during the 15-working-day notice of contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation or the penalty.

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of the citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete the attached notice at the bottom of this letter and post it next to the Citations as soon as the time, date and the place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference with you any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as of any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at www.osha.gov. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

James Mulligan
Area Director

Enclosures

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration
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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira
Brothers Materials, Inc.
and its successors
31-33 Middleboro Road
East Freetown, MA 02717

Inspection Number: 1695934
Inspection Date(s): 09/06/2023 - 11/16/2023
Issuance Date: 11/16/2023

Inspection Site:
33 Middleboro Road
East Freetown, MA 02717

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 (617) 565-6924. During such an informal conference, you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Area Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

Right to Contest – You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. **Unless you inform the Area Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.**

Penalty Payment – Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. (See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982.) Make your check or money order payable to “DOL-OSHA”. Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance. You can also make your payment electronically at www.pay.gov. At the top of the [pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov) homepage, type "OSHA" in the Search field and select Search. From **OSHA Penalty Payment Form** search result, select Continue. The direct link is:

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

You will be required to enter your inspection number when making the payment. Payments can be made by credit card or Automated Clearing House (ACH) using your banking information. Payments of \$25,000 or more require a Transaction ID, and also must be paid using ACH. If you require a Transaction ID, please contact the OSHA Debt Collection Team at (202) 693-2170.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check, money order, or electronic payment for less than the full amount due, and will process the payments as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

Notification of Corrective Action – For each violation which you do not contest, you must provide **abatement certification** to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. This abatement certification is to be provided by letter within 10 calendar days after each abatement date. Abatement certification includes the date and method of abatement. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A sample abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Citation. In addition, where the citation indicates that **abatement documentation** is necessary, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful – The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that

he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above.

Employer Rights and Responsibilities – The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

Notice to Employees – The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Inspection Activity Data – You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this citation. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at www.osha.gov. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 11/16/2023. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at 639 Granite Street, Suite 114, Braintree, MA 02184 on _____ at

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

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 1695934

Company Name: John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc.
Inspection Site: 33 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA 02717
Issuance Date: 11/16/2023

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, 639 Granite Street, Suite 114, Braintree, MA 02184.**

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

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

I certify that the information contained in this document is accurate and that the affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

Signature

Date

Typed or Printed Name

Title

NOTE: 29 USC 666(g) whoever knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, plan or other documents filed or required to be maintained pursuant to the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

POSTING: A copy of completed Corrective Action Worksheet should be posted for employee review.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc.
Inspection Site: 33 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA 02717

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

OSHA ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1): The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees, in that employees are exposed to crush and fall hazards;

Location: Worksite

On or about September 6, 2023, the employer did not ensure through providing appropriate means of access, training and specific instructions and visual observation that the employee who was required to remove the upper soil screen on the 1994 EXTEC 5000S tail conveyor was exposed to crushing and fall hazards while riding the bucket of a Yanmar V4-6 front-end loader in order to access a soil screener tail conveyor's upper soil screen.

Among others methods, one feasible and acceptable means of abatement would be to follow the requirements of the Yanmar V4-6 Wheel Loader's Operation and Maintenance manual and, the Association of Equipment Manufacturers' Owner's Manual for Wheeled Loader/Tractor Safety Manual for Operating and Maintenance Personnel, use other safe means of access such as but not limited to a ladder; in addition to developing a company policy which states that employees are prohibited from riding in the bucket of a front-end loader or any other piece of machinery not so designed by the manufacturer.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: November 27, 2023
Proposed Penalty: \$6,250.00

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

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Inspection Site: 33 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA 02717

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

29 CFR 1910.28(a)(1): The employer did not provide protection for each employee exposed to fall and falling object hazards.

Location: Worksite

On or about September 6, 2023, employees were exposed to falls greater than 4' while working on a 1994 EXTEC 5000S soil screener's tail conveyor.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

November 27, 2023
\$6,250.00

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Company Name: John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc.
Inspection Site: 33 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA 02717

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

OSHA ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1): The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause injuries and death or serious physical harm to employees, in that employees were exposed to injuries and death due to the inadequately maintained 1994 EXTEC 5000S Soil Screener;

Location: Worksite

On September 6, 2023, two employees were standing and working on a 1994 EXTEC 5000S Soil Screener's tail conveyor, with a broken rusted hydraulic line's fitting caked in dried dirt, ruptured hydraulic line with dried dirt caked around the hydraulic line and inside hydraulic line, spider webs inside the ruptured hydraulic line, a broken right side conveyor missing the rubber conveyor belt, broken hand lever controlling the tail conveyor, missing feeder hand lever controlling the feeder conveyor, a bent Grizzly screen from another soil screener on top of the front hopper, and a missing left front support leg exposing the employees to injuries and death.

Among others methods, one feasible and acceptable means of abatement would be to have taken the 1994 EXTEC 5000S Soil Screener out of service, disable it, and dispose of it.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	January 09, 2024
Proposed Penalty:	\$62,504.00

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

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Company Name: John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc.
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Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Willful - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(1): The employer did not establish a program consisting of an energy control procedure, employee training and periodic inspections to ensure that before any employee performed any servicing or maintenance on a machine or equipment where the unexpected energizing, startup or release of stored energy could occur and cause injury, the machine or equipment shall be isolated from the energy source and rendered inoperative:

Location: Worksite

On or about September 6, 2023, the employer did not establish an energy control program consisting of energy control procedures, employee training, and periodic inspections including but not limited to the employees maintaining and repairing a red 1994 EXTEC 5000S soil screener, exposing employees to injuries and death.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: January 09, 2024
Proposed Penalty: \$62,504.00

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

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Citation 2 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Willful - Serious**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(5)(i): Locks, tags, chains, wedges, key blocks, adapter pins, self-locking fasteners, or other hardware were not provided by the employer for isolating, securing, or blocking of machines or equipment from energy sources:

Location: Worksite

On or about September 6, 2023, employees performing maintenance and servicing of a soil screen were required to stand on a 1994 EXTEC 5000S soil screener's tail conveyor that was not locked out/tagged out, to unbolt an upper soil screen in order to change the screen exposing the employees to fall hazards and crush injuries.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	November 27, 2023
Proposed Penalty:	\$62,504.00

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



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Company Name: John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc.
Inspection Site: 33 Middleboro Road, East Freetown, MA 02717

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

29 CFR 1904.4(a): The employer did not record each work-related fatality, injury or illness case that resulted in the general recording criteria on the OSHA Form 300 or equivalent.

Location: Work Site

On or about September 6, 2023, OSHA Logs were not maintained by John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc.

Instance 1: On September 6, 2023, an employee died while attempting to perform servicing and maintenance on the soil screener while working at John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc., 31-33 Middleboro Road East Freetown, MA 02717 and the death was not recorded on an OSHA Log.

Instance 2: On June 20, 2023, an employee was injured when using a concrete saw lacerated his left thigh with the saw that required treatment to include thirteen sutures at St. Luke's Hospital's Emergency Room, 101 Page Street New Bedford, MA 02740 and the injury was not recorded on an OSHA Log.

Instance 3: On June 9, 2023 an employee was overcome by heat, gas fumes, carbon monoxide being generated by concrete helicopters being used in a closed residential home's basement, passed out, and sought medical treatment, at St. Luke's Hospital's Emergency Room, 101 Page Street New Bedford, MA 02740 on June 10, 2023 and missed two day of work, and the injury was not recorded on an OSHA Log.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: January 09, 2024
Proposed Penalty: \$893.00

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James Mulligan
Area Director

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INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: John Oliveira & Sons Stamp Concrete, Inc./Oliveira Brothers Materials, Inc.
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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1695934

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$6,250.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$6,250.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Willful - Serious	\$62,504.00
Citation 2 Item 2, Willful - Serious	\$62,504.00
Citation 2 Item 3, Willful - Serious	\$62,504.00
Citation 3 Item 1, Other-than-Serious	\$893.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: \$200,905.00

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](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.

James Mulligan
Area Director

Date