U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration 500 Route 17 South 2nd Floor Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604



01/24/2024

Adrian Construction Group LLC and its successors 442 Buffalo Avenue Paterson, NJ 07503

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 (201) 288-1700.

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-workingday 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,

Lisa Levy Area Director

Enclosures

Occupational Safety and Health Administration 500 Route 17 South 2nd Floor Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604



Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Adrian Construction Group LLC and its successors 442 Buffalo Avenue Paterson, NJ 07503

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 **Inspection Number: 1685650**

Inspection Date(s): 07/25/2023 - 07/26/2023

Issuance Date: 01/24/2024

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 (201) 288-1700. 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 work ng 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 a attement. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A sample abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Citation. In addition, where the citation indicates that abatement documentation is necessary, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the ci	itation(s) issued on
01/25/2024. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA of	ffice located at 500
Route 17 South, 2nd Floor, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 on	at
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Employees and/or representatives of employees have	ave a right to attend an
informal conference.	

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 1685650

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Issuance Date: 01/24/2024

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, 500 Route 17 South, 2nd Floor, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604.

Citation Number and By (Method of Abatement):		/as corrected on
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I certify that the information representatives have been in	contained in this docu	ment is accurate and that the affected employees and their nt.
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.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

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

29 CFR 1926.100(a): Employees working in areas where there is a possible danger of head injury from impact, or from falling or flying objects, or from electrical shock and burns, was not protected by protective helmets.

a- 903 High Mountain Road: An employee engaged in carpentry activities positioned on the second section of tubular welded frame scaffold was exposed to an overhead impact hazard as head protection was not utilized. Condition observed on or about 07/25/2023.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$10,140.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

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

29 CFR 1926.451(b)(1): Each platform on all working levels of scaffolds was not fully planked or decked between the front uprights and the guardrail supports:

a- 903 High Mountain Road: An employee engaged in framing activities from the second section of a tubular welded frame scaffold work platform was exposed to fall hazards of approximately 14ft to the ground below in which 1-2 planks were used as a scaffold work platform as full planking of the scaffold work platform was not utilized. Condition observed on or about 07/25/2023.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$16,131.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Inspection Number: 1685650

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

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

29 CFR 1926.451(e)(1): When scaffold platforms were more than 2 feet (0.6 m) above or below a point of access, portable ladders, hook-on ladders, attachable ladders, stair towers (scaffold stairways/towers), stairway-type ladders (such as ladder stands), ramps, walkways, integral prefabricated scaffold access, or direct access from other scaffold, structure, personnel hoist, or similar surface was not used. Cross braces were used as a means of access.

a- 903 High Mountain Road: An employee engaged in framing activities from the second section of a tubular welded frame scaffold work platform was exposed to fall hazards of approximately 14ft to the ground below in which a means of scaffold access was not utilized. The employee climbed on the scaffold frame to the lower roof. Condition observed on or about 07/25/2023.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$16,131.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

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

29 CFR 1926.451(g)(1)(vii): Each employee on a scaffold, not otherwise specified in paragraphs (g)(1)(i) through (g)(1)(vi) of this section, more than 10 feet (3.1 m) above lower level was not protected from falls by the use of personal fall arrest systems or guardrail systems meeting the requirements of paragraph (g)(4) of this section.

a- 903 High Mountain Road: An employee engaged in framing activities from a tubular welded frame scaffold work platform was exposed to fall hazards of approximately 14ft to the ground below in which a means of fall protection was not utilized. Condition noted on or about 07/25/2023.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$16,131.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: Willful - Serious

29 CFR 1926.102(a)(1): The employer did not ensure that each affected employee used appropriate eye or face protection when exposed to eye or face hazards from flying particles.

Adrian Construction Group LLC does not ensure that employees use appropriate eye protection while engaged in residential construction activities. This violation was most recently observed, on or about 07/25/2023, at 903 High Mountain Road. Franklin Lakes, NJ. The employees engaged in framing activities and positioned on a roof using a pneumatic nail gun are exposed to eye loss and eye injuries as eye protection which was readily available for use onsite was not being used.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, within 1 day, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including a description of the type of eye protection provided and the steps taken to enforce use of appropriate eye protection where employees are exposed to possible danger of fall hazards.

Abatement of 1 Day

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

January 31, 2024 \$152,100.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Inspection Number: 1685650

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: Willful - Serious

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13): Each employee engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels were not protected by guardrail systems, safety net system, or personal fall arrest system:

Adrian Construction Group LLC does not ensure that employees use appropriate fall protection while engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels. This violation was most recently observed, on or about 07/25/2023, at 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ. Employee #1, was engaged in framing and was positioned on a roof that was not protected from fall hazards of approximately 20 ft to the ground below. The employee was not using any means of a fall protection system which was readily available for use onsite.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, within 1 day, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including a description of the type of fall protection provided and the steps taken to enforce use of appropriate fall protection where employees are exposed to possible danger of fall hazards.

Abatement of 1 Day

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

January 31, 2024

\$161,323.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Citation 2 Item 3 Type of Violation: Willful - Serious

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13): Each employee engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels were not protected by guardrail systems, safety net system, or personal fall arrest system:

Adrian Construction Group LLC does not ensure that employees use appropriate fall protection while engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels. This violation was most recently observed, on or about 07/25/2023, at 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ, Employee #5, was engaged in framing and was positioned on a roof that was not protected from fall hazards of approximately 10 ft to the ground below. The employee was not using any means of a fall protection system which was readily available for use onsite.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, within 1 day, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including a description of the type of fall protection provided and the steps taken to enforce use of appropriate fall protection where employees are exposed to possible danger of fall hazards.

Abatement of 30 Days

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

January 31, 2024 \$161,323.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Inspection Number: 1685650

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Type of Violation: Willful - Serious Citation 2 Item 4

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13): Each employee engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels were not protected by guardrail systems, safety net system, or personal fall arrest system:

Adrian Construction Group LLC does not ensure that employees use appropriate fall protection while engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels. This violation was most recently observed, on or about 07/25/2023, at 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ. Employee #3, was engaged in framing and was positioned on a roof that was not protected from fall hazards of approximately 20 ft to the ground below. The employee was not using any means of a fall protection system which was readily available for use onsite.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, within 1 day, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including a description of the type of fall protection provided and the steps taken to enforce use of appropriate fall protection where employees are exposed to possible danger of fall hazards.

Abatement of 30 Days

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

January 31, 2024 \$161,323.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

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Citation 2 Item 5 Type of Violation: Willful - Serious

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13): Each employee engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels were not protected by guardrail systems, safety net system, or personal fall arrest system:

Adrian Construction Group LLC does not ensure that employees use appropriate fall protection while engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels. This violation was most recently observed, on or about 07/25/2023, at 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ. Employee #4, was engaged in framing and was positioned on a roof that was not protected from fall hazards of approximately 20 ft to the ground below. The employee was not using any means of a fall protection system which was readily available for use onsite.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, within 1 day, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including a description of the type of fall protection provided and the steps taken to enforce use of appropriate fall protection where employees are exposed to possible danger of fall hazards.

Abatement of 30 Days

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Citation 2 Item 6 Type of Violation: Willful - Serious

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13): Each employee engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels were not protected by guardrail systems, safety net system, or personal fall arrest system:

Adrian Construction Group LLC does not ensure that employees use appropriate fall protection while engaged in residential construction activities 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels. This violation was most recently observed, on or about 07/25/2023, at 903 High Mountain Road. Franklin Lakes. NJ. Employee #2 was engaged in framing and was positioned on a roof that was not protected from fall hazards of approximately 20 ft to the ground below. The employee was not using any means of a fall protection system which was readily available for use onsite.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, within 1 day, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including a description of the type of fall protection provided and the steps taken to enforce use of appropriate fall protection where employees are exposed to possible danger of fall hazards.

Abatement of 1 Day

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

January 31, 2024

Proposed Penalty:

\$161,323.00

Area Director

Occupational Safety and Health Administration 500 Route 17 South 2nd Floor Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604



INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: Adrian Construction Group LLC

Inspection Site: 903 High Mountain Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417

Issuance Date: 01/24/2024

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1685650

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$10,140.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$16.131.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Serious	\$16,131.00
Citation 1 Item 4, Serious	\$16,131.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Willful - Serious	\$152,100.00
Citation 2 Item 2, Willful - Serious	\$161,323.00
Citation 2 Item 3, Willful - Serious	\$161,323.00
Citation 2 Item 4. Willful - Serious	\$161.323.00
Citation 2 Item 5. Willful - Serious	\$161,323.00
Citation 2 Item 6. Willful - Serious	\$161,323.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES:

\$1,017,248.00

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.

Lisa Levy

Area Director

01/24/2024

Date