

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF MARION )

**BEFORE THE INDIANA OFFICE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PROCEEDINGS,  
SUBJECT TO THE ULTIMATE  
AUTHORITY OF THE IOSHA BOARD OF  
SAFETY REVIEW**

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, )  
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                                  Complainant, )  
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                                  v. )  
 )  
DAN CRISTIANI EXCAVATING )  
CO., INC. )  
AND ITS SUCCESSORS, )  
 )  
                                  Respondent. )

**OALP CASE NO. DOL-2306-001713  
BSR DOCKET NO. 23-024**

**AGREED ENTRY**

The parties to the above-captioned proceeding, the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor (hereinafter "Complainant") and Dan Cristiani Excavating Co., Inc. (hereinafter "Respondent"), through their duly authorized representatives, desiring to enter into this Agreed Entry as final settlement of this matter, do hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

**PART I**

1. From November 29, 2022, through March 29, 2023, authorized employees of the Indiana Department of Labor conducted an inspection at the Respondent's worksite located at 734 McKinley Ave., Clarksville, IN 47129.

2. On May 10, 2023, Complainant issued a Safety Order and Notification of Penalty (hereinafter "Safety Order") resulting from Indiana Department of Labor Inspection No. 1636222 and alleging that Respondent had violated the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act (IC 22-8-1.1 *et seq.*) or the standards or rules thereunder. The Safety Order is attached hereto

as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein.

3. On or about June 5, 2023, Respondent duly and timely petitioned for review of the Safety Order.

PART II.

4. The Safety Order consists of Safety Order 1, Item Nos. 1 and 2.

5. Safety Order 1, Item 1 alleges a "Serious" violation of 29 CFR 1926.651(k)(2) and assesses a penalty of Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$6,300).

6. Safety Order 1, Item 2 alleges a "Serious" violation of 29 CFR 1926.652(a)(1) and assesses a penalty of Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$6,300).

7. The total assessed penalty for Safety Order 1 is Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$12,600).

PART III.

8. The Safety Order is hereby amended as follows.

9. Safety Order 1, Item 1 is upheld, but re-classified to "NonSerious" and retains the penalty originally cited.

10. Safety Order 1, Item 2 is deleted in its entirety.

11. The AGREED total penalty for all violations and all subparts thereunder, subject to this Agreed Entry, is Six Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$6,300).

12. In consideration for reclassification of the upheld citation, Respondent agrees to complete the following enhanced abatement:

- a. Engage INSafe or another third-party safety consultant to complete a full service and comprehensive safety consultation on an active jobsite within sixty (60) days of the filing of this Agreed Entry with the Office of Administrative Law



Proceedings and provide Complainant with confirmation of the consultation request.

b. Respondent has already engaged a third-party safety consultant to provide training for all employees following the accident in the following subject areas: Trenching and Excavation Safety, Common Construction Hazards, and Competent Person Requirements. Respondent provided Complainant with the class sign-in sheet.

c. Respondent has already increased safety awareness by implementing a Safety Task Force of 19 employees and hired a second full-time safety professional.

13. It is understood and agreed by the Respondent and Complainant that this Agreed Entry and attachments will constitute a final, enforceable OSHA Safety Order(s) and penalties for the purposes of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act ("Act").

14. Respondent confirms Complainant's right to re-inspect its workplaces, in accordance with the Act, and to verify abatement of the alleged violations.

15. If not already identified in the Safety Order and Notification of Penalty as completed during the inspection, all abatement, including any enhanced abatement identified and agreed upon herein, must still be completed in a timely manner and certified to IOSHA by sending confirmation of abatement, including a detailed description of what was done along with any supporting documentation and photographs, to IOSHA by email to [abatement@dol.in.gov](mailto:abatement@dol.in.gov).

16. Respondent hereby withdraws its petition for review previously filed in this matter.

#### PART IV.

17. Nothing contained in this Agreed Entry shall be construed to affect Complainant's interpretation of the Act or any standard or regulation enforced pursuant thereto or the applicable

classification thereof.

18. Except for this agreement, and matters arising out of this agreement and any other subsequent IOSHA proceedings between the parties, none of the foregoing agreements, statements, findings, and actions taken by the Respondent shall be deemed an admission by Respondent of the allegations contained within the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty. The agreements, statements, findings, and actions taken herein are made in order to compromise and settle this matter economically and amicably, and they shall not be used for any other purpose, except as herein stated.

19. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, clause or provision of this Agreed Entry does not affect the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, or provisions of this Agreed Entry.

20. Respondent, upon full execution of this Agreed Entry, will post this Agreed Entry for three (3) working days or until abatement is completed, whichever period is longer, pursuant to Board of Safety Review Rules of Procedure, 615 IAC 1-2-18(b)(3)(C).

AGREED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

**DAN CRISTIANI EXCAVATING CO.**

By: 

Printed: Chris Jackson

Title: President

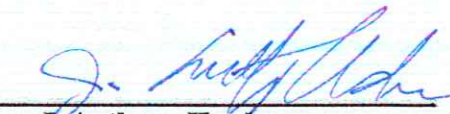
**COMMISSIONER OF LABOR**

By: 

**Jeremy Galloway,  
Director of Safety Compliance,  
IOSHA**

**Approved as to Form:**

By:   
**Rebecca L. Loeffler  
Counsel for Respondent**

By:   
**J. Anthony Hardman,  
Counsel for Complainant**



## Indiana Department of Labor

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
402 West Washington Street, Room W195  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
Phone: (317) 232-1979 FAX: (317) 233-3790



### Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

**To:**  
Dan Cristiani Excavating Co, Inc.  
and its successors  
1221 South U.S Highway 31  
Clarksville, IN 47129

**Inspection Number:** 1636222  
**CSHO ID:** A7020  
**Optional Report No.:** N/A  
**Inspection Date(s):** 11/29/2022 - 03/29/2023  
**Issuance Date:** 05/10/2023

**Inspection Site:**  
734 McKinley Avenue  
Clarksville, IN 47129

*The violation(s) described in this Safety Order 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.*

An inspection of your workplace of employment has revealed conditions which we believe do not comply with the provisions of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act (Indiana Code Chapter 22-8-1.1) or the standards or rules adopted thereunder. Accordingly, enclosed please find safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty describing such violation(s) with references to applicable standards, rules or provisions of the statute and stating the amount of any penalty(ies).

**Informal Conference – Please be advised that it may be possible to informally settle any potential dispute without initiating the more elaborate proceedings brought on by a petition for review. Prior to filing a petition for review, you may request an informal conference concerning any results of the inspection (safety orders, penalties, abatement dates, etc.) by contacting the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA, preferably by telephone, in a prompt manner. Please be advised that a request for an informal conference cannot extend the fifteen working day period for filing a petition for review. Informal conferences frequently resolve any possible disputes, and therefore you are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Because of the limited time period and in order to facilitate scheduling, any requests for an informal conference should be made promptly upon your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.**

**Right to Contest –** You are hereby also notified that you are entitled to seek administrative review of the safety order(s), penalty(ies), or both by filing a written petition for review at the above address postmarked within fifteen working days of your receipt of the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. (“Working days” means Mondays through Fridays, but does not include Saturdays, Sundays, legal holidays under a state statute or days on which the Indiana Department of Labor’s offices are closed during regular business hours). If you do not file such a petition for review (contest), the safety order(s)



and penalty(ies) shall be deemed final orders of the Board of Safety Review and not subject to review by any court or agency. The issuance of a safety order does not constitute a finding that a violation has occurred unless no petition for review is filed, or if a petition for review (contest) is filed, it must contain a statement of its basis and should reference the above inspection number. Upon receipt of your petition for review, we will affirm, amend, or dismiss the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. If we affirm, your petition for review will be granted (unless it was not timely) and the dispute will be certified by the Board of Safety Review for further proceedings. The Board of Safety Review is an independent board appointed by the governor with authority to conduct legal proceedings leading up to and including administrative hearings or assign an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) to conduct the same, and to issue decisions concerning disputed safety orders and notifications of penalties. If we amend the safety order(s) or notification(s) of penalty, your petition for review shall be deemed moot. However, you will then be given an opportunity to file a petition for review concerning the amended safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty.

Please be advised that an employee or representative of employees may file a petition for review to contest the reasonableness of the time stated in the safety order(s) for the abatement of any violation.

**Posting** - Upon receipt of any safety order(s) you are required to post such safety order(s), or a copy thereof, unedited, at or near each place an alleged violation referred to in the safety order(s) occurred. However, if your operations are such that it is not practicable to post the safety order(s) at or near each place of alleged violation, such safety order(s) shall be posted, unedited, in a prominent place where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. For example, if you are engaged in activities which are physically dispersed, the safety order(s) may be posted at the location from which the employees operate to carry out their activities. You must take steps to ensure that the safety order is not altered, defaced, or covered by other material. Posting shall be until the violation is abated, or for three working days, whichever is longer.

**Penalties** - Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Abatement does not constitute payment of penalties.

**Abatement** - The conditions cited in the safety order(s) must be corrected (abated) on or before the date shown for each item on the safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty unless:

(1) You file a petition for review concerning the violation, in which case the full abatement period shall commence from the issuance of a final decision by the Board of Safety Review or the courts which requires compliance with the safety order; or

(2) The abatement period is extended by the granting of a petition for modification of abatement date.

**PMAs** - The petition for modification of abatement date is a manner in which you may seek additional time to correct (abate) a violation without having to file a petition for review concerning the safety order, or after the expiration of the time period to file such a petition for review when it becomes apparent that you need extra time to abate the violation. A petition for modification of abatement date shall be in writing and shall include the following information:



(1) All steps you have taken, and the dates of such actions, in an effort to achieve compliance during the prescribed abatement period.

(2) The specific additional abatement time necessary in order to achieve compliance.

(3) The reasons such additional time is necessary, including the unavailability of professional or technical personnel or of materials and equipment, or because necessary construction or alteration of facilities cannot be completed by the original abatement date.

(4) All available interim steps being taken to safeguard employees against the cited hazard during the abatement period.

(5) A certification that a copy of the petition has been posted, and if appropriate, served on the authorized representative of affected employees, and a certification of the date upon which such posting, and service was made.

A petition for modification of abatement date shall be filed with the Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA no later than the close of the next working day following the date on which abatement was originally required. A later-filed petition shall be accompanied by the employer's statement of exceptional circumstances explaining the delay. A copy of such petition shall be posted in a conspicuous place where all affected employees will have notice thereof or near such location where the violation occurred. The petition shall remain posted until the time period for the filing of a petition for review of the Commissioner's granting or denying the petition expires. Where affected employees are represented by an authorized representative, said representative shall be served a copy of such petition.

**Notification of Corrective Action** - Correction of the alleged violations which have an abatement period of thirty (30) days or less should be reported in writing to us promptly upon correction. A "Letter of Abatement" form and an "Abatement Photographs" worksheet are enclosed for your assistance in providing adequate documentation of abatement. Reports of corrections should show specific corrective action on each alleged violation and the date of such action. On alleged violations with abatement periods of more than thirty (30) days, a written progress report should be submitted, detailing what has been done, what remains to be done, and the time needed to fully abate each such violation. When the alleged violation is fully abated, we should be so advised. Timely correction of an alleged violation does not affect the initial proposed penalty.

**Follow-up Inspections** - Please be advised that a follow-up inspection may be made for the purpose of ascertaining that you have posted the safety order(s) and corrected the alleged violations. Failure to correct an alleged violation may result in additional penalties for each day that the violation has not been corrected.

**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 Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above.

**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 Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above within fifteen (15) working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) or receipt by the employer of this safety order and penalty.



If you wish additional information, you may direct such requests to us at the address or telephone number stated above.



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**NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE**

An informal conference has been scheduled with IOSHA to discuss the Safety Order(s) issued on 05/10/2023.

The Informal Conference will be held:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Virtually/Telephonically via Microsoft Teams**

Call-in Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Conference ID: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **In-person at the Indiana Department of Labor, located at the following address:**

402 West Washington Street, Room W195  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Meeting/Conference Room: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Indiana Department of Labor**  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Inspection Number: 1636222  
CSHO ID: A7020  
Optional Report No.: N/A  
Inspection Date(s): 11/29/2022 - 03/29/2023  
Issuance Date: 05/10/2023



**Safety Order and Notification of Penalty**

**Company Name: Dan Cristiani Excavating Co, Inc**  
**Inspection Site: 734 McKinley Avenue, Clarksville, IN 47129**

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**Safety Order 1 Item 1**      Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.651(k)(2): Where the competent person found evidence of a situation that could result in possible cave-in, indications of failure of protective systems, hazardous atmospheres, or other hazardous conditions, exposed employee(s) was/were not removed from the hazardous area until the necessary precautions have been taken to ensure their safety.

Job site-734 McKinley Avenue, CLARKSVILLE, IN 47129 on November 28th 2022, Competent person(s) allowed entry into and did not remove employees from hazardous area.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:  
Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection  
\$6,300.00



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Safety Order 1 Item 2      Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1926.652(a)(1): Each employee in an excavation was not protected from cave-ins by an adequate protective system designed in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.652 (b) or (c).

Job site - 734 McKinley Avenue, CLARKSVILLE, IN 47129 on November 28th 2022, Employer did not protect employee(s) from cave in by an adequate protective system designed in accordance with 29 CFR 1926.652 (b) or (c)

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:  
Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection  
\$6,300.00

Jeremy Galloway  
IOSHA Director

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## INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name: Dan Cristiani Excavating Co, Inc  
Inspection Site: 734 McKinley Avenue, Clarksville, IN 47129  
Issuance Date: 05/10/2023

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1636222

Safety Order 1 Item 1, Serious	\$6,300.00
Safety Order 1 Item 2, Serious	\$6,300.00

**TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES:** \$12,600.00

Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless requested. Make your check or money order payable to: "Indiana DOL/IOSHA." Please indicate IOSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. You may also make a payment online at <https://payingov.com/dol/>. Your account number is your inspection number.

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

Corrective action taken by you for each alleged violation should be submitted to this office on or about the abatement dates indicated on the Safety Order and Notification of Penalty.

A worksheet has been provided to assist in providing the required abatement information. A completed copy of this worksheet should be posted at the worksite with safety orders.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Galloway", written over a horizontal line.

Jeremy Galloway  
IOSHA Director

May 10, 2023

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Date

JG: lr-h