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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

To: ADFS Midwest,
and its successors
4555 West Bradbury Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46241

Inspection Number: 314357401

Inspection Date(s): 05/06/2010 - 06/07/2010

Issuance Date: 07/20/2010

Inspection Site:
4555 West Bradbury Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46241

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 place 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 of the 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 agency appointed by the governor with authority to conduct hearings and to issue decisions concerning disputed safety order(s) and notification(s) of penalty. 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.

Followup Inspections - Please be advised that a followup 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.



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with IOSHA to discuss the safety order(s) issued on 07/20/2010. The conference will be held at the IOSHA office located at 402 West Washington Street, Room W195, Indianapolis, IN 46204 on _____ at _____.

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

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

IC 22-8-1.1, Section 2: The employer did not establish and maintain conditions of work which were reasonably safe and healthful for employees, and free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to fall hazard causing injuries or illnesses including, but not limited to contusions, fractures, paralysis, internal organ damage, death.

Facility - Employees were exposed to a fall hazard where they stood on a pallet elevated to about 7 feet high by a Mitsubishi fork lift when they performed tasks such as but not limited to unloading materials into the dumpster.

One acceptable means of abatement is to use a lifting attachment designed for powered industrial trucks and lifting personnel. Another means of abatement would be to perform the work with another piece of equipment that is designed for elevating personnel such as a scaffold or scissor lift.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 08/13/2010
Proposed Penalty: \$2,500.00

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

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(1): The employer did not establish a program consisting of an energy control procedure and employee training to ensure that before any employee performed any servicing or maintenance on a machine or equipment where the unexpected energizing, start up or release of stored energy could occur and cause injury, the machine or equipment would be isolated, and rendered inoperative in accordance with 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4):

Facility: ASSF Midwest did not have an energy control program where employees performed tasks such as cleaning to service or maintain including but not limited to feeder machine/ fiber breaker, recycling/grinder, cutter machine, and curing oven.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 08/13/2010
Proposed Penalty: \$2,500.00

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

Safety Order 1 Item 3a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.178(a)(5): Where a truck was equipped with a front-end attachment the employer did not have the truck marked to identify the attachments and show the approximate weight of the truck and the attachment combination at the maximum elevation with the load laterally centered:

Facility - AFS Midwest was lifting employees on wooden skids with a Mitsubishi fork lift, model FGCZ5K to repair/install overhead water lines and unload materials into the dumpster. A wooden skid was not an approved personnel lifting attachment by Mitsubishi Company.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 08/13/2010
Proposed Penalty: \$2,500.00

Safety Order 1 Item 3b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.178(l): Operators were not trained in the safe operation of powered industrial trucks:

Facility - Forklift operators were not trained on the safe use of the Mitsubishi fork truck where they performed tasks such as, but not limited to elevating employee(s) on a skid to empty materials into a dumpster.

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Safety Order 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.212(a)(1): Machine guarding was not provided to protect operator(s) and other employees from hazard(s) created by a rotating drum on recycler/grinder and feeder machines.

a. Recycling Process- Employees who feed scrap pieces of polyester into the recycler/grinder were exposed to a rotating spiked feeder drum 54 inches from the front of the table and 21.5 inches from the side guard.

b. Feeder Machine/ Fiber breaker- Jia Chang Machinery, type: FLB616, mfg no:313, date: 2009-02 located on the aisle way had three exposed rotating 54 inch long gear drums on top of feeder machine which was 38¾ inches off of the floor.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 08/13/2010
Proposed Penalty: \$2,500.00

Safety Order 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.219(d)(1): Pulley(s) with part(s) seven feet or less from the floor or work platform were not guarded in accordance with the requirements specified at 29 CFR 1910.219(m) & (o):

a. Fine fiber open /Cutter Area: AFFS Midwest did not guard belts and pulleys on the west side of Jia Chang Machine Co. west cutter machine, type MFS1015.

b. Fine fiber open /Cutter Area: AFFS Midwest did not guard belts and pulleys on the west side of Jia Chang Machine Co. east cutter machine, type MFS1015, no. 8.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Corrected During Inspection
Proposed Penalty: \$1,250.00

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Safety Order 1 Item 6 Type of Violation: **Serious**

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

- a. Fine fiber open /Cutter Area: AFFS Midwest did not guard sprockets and chains on the west side both in the front end and middle of the Jia Chang Machine Co. west cutter machine, type MFS1015.
- b. Fine fiber open /Cutter Area: AFFS Midwest did not guard sprockets and chains on the west side both in the front end and middle of the Jia Chang Machine Co. west cutter machine, type MFS1015, no. 8.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	Corrected During Inspection
Proposed Penalty:	\$1,750.00

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Safety Order 2 Item 1a Type of Violation: **Nonserious**

29 CFR 1910.1200(e)(1): The employer did not develop, implement, and/or maintain at each workplace, a written hazard communication program which at least described how the criteria specified in paragraphs (f), (g), and (h) of this section for labels and other forms of warning, material safety data sheets, hazard chemical list and methods used to inform employees of non-routine tasks

Facility :AFFS Midwest did not develop a written hazard communication program where employees handle hazardous chemicals including, but not limited polyester fibers.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: 08/13/2010
Proposed Penalty: \$500.00

Safety Order 2 Item 1b Type of Violation: **Nonserious**

29 CFR 1910.1200(h)(1): The employer did not provide employees with effective information and training on hazardous chemicals in their work area at the time of their initial assignment, and whenever a new physical or health hazard the employees had not previously been trained about was introduced into their work area:

Facility: AFFS Midwest did not provide training on the hazards of the chemicals that employees handles including, but not limited polyester fibers.

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INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number 314357401

Safety Order 01, Serious	=	\$13,000.00
Safety Order 02, Nonserious	=	\$500.00
Total Proposed Penalties		\$13,500.00

Penalties are due within fifteen (15) working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to: "Indiana DOL/IOSHA". Please indicate IOSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

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 work sheet has been provided to assist in providing the required abatement information. A completed copy of this work sheet should be posted at the worksite with the safety order(s).



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7-20-10

Date