

## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Commissioner of Labor (hereinafter referred to as "Commissioner") and North Vernon Industry Corp., (hereinafter referred to as "Employer") hereby agree as follows:

The Commissioner amends the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty, IOSHA Inspection No. 315673558 issued to the Employer on October 21, 2011 in the following manner.

### SAFETY ORDER 01:

- Item 1: Upheld, penalty remains at \$1,500.00,  
abatement date modified to December 26, 2011
- Item 2: Upheld, penalty remains at \$1,875.00
- Item 3: Upheld, grouped with Item 2, penalty deleted
- Item 4: Upheld, penalty remains at \$1,500.00
- Item 5: Upheld, grouped with Item 4, penalty deleted
- Item 6a: Deleted, penalty deleted
- Item 6b: Deleted,
- Item 7: Upheld, grouped with Item 2, penalty deleted
- Item 8: Upheld, penalty remains at \$1,875.00
- Item 9: Upheld, grouped with Item 8, penalty deleted

All provisions of Safety Order 2 are retained intact.

**The TOTAL AGREED PENALTY is \$6,750.00**

THE EMPLOYER IS SATISFIED WITH THE AMENDMENTS STATED ABOVE AND ACCORDINGLY WAIVES ITS RIGHT TO FILE A NOTICE OF CONTEST OF THE SAFETY ORDER(S) AND NOTIFICATION(S) OF PENALTY AS AMENDED AND AGREES TO WITHDRAW ANY PREVIOUSLY FILED NOTICES OF CONTEST IN THIS MATTER.

Upon full execution of this Settlement Agreement the Employer will post this Agreement for three (3) working days or until abatement is completed, whichever period is longer.

The total AGREED PENALTY is due and payable within fifteen (15) working days from the Employer's execution of this Agreement. The Employer further agrees that if the AGREED PENALTY is not paid within fifteen working days from the Employer's execution of this Agreement, that the full amount of the penalty initially assessed against the Employer in the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty which are the subject of this Agreement is due and payable immediately.

The Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty are, and shall be, herein a final and enforceable Order of the Board of Safety Review.

Except for this agreement, and matters arising out of this agreement, and any other subsequent OSHA proceedings between the parties, none of the foregoing agreements, statements, findings, and actions taken by Employer shall be deemed an admission by Employer 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.

NORTH VERNON INDUSTRY CORP

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

By: Michl Murtz

By: R. K. Hatcher

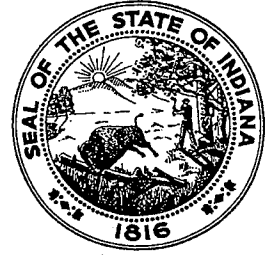
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## Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

**To:**

North Vernon Industry Corp.,  
and its successors  
3750 Fourth St.  
North Vernon, IN 47265

**Inspection Number:** 315673558  
**Inspection Date(s):** 09/13/2011 - 09/13/2011  
**Issuance Date:** 10/21/2011

**Inspection Site:**

3750 Fourth St.  
North Vernon, IN 47265

*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.

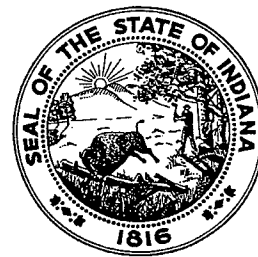
**Notification of Corrective Action** - Correction of the alleged violations which have an abatement period of thirty (30) days or less should be reported in writing to us promptly upon correction. A "Letter of Abatement" form and an "Abatement Photographs" worksheet are enclosed for your assistance 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 10/17/2011. 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.

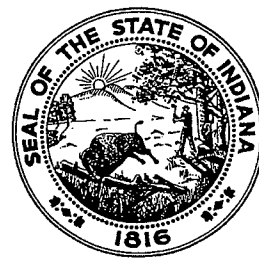
**Indiana Department of Labor**

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

**Inspection Number:** 315673558

**Inspection Dates:** 09/13/2011 - 09/13/2011

**Issuance Date:** 10/21/2011



**Safety Order and Notification of Penalty**

**Company Name:** North Vernon Industry Corp.

**Inspection Site:** 3750 Fourth St., North Vernon, IN 47265

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

Section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970: 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 were exposed to heavy molds being moved along by a conveyor system without warning systems in close proximity to employees working in the immediate area:

Mold deck - Molds moved automatically along a conveyor line without any warning to employees.

Among other methods, one feasible and acceptable abatement method to correct this hazard is to have a warning device installed to notify employees prior to the movement.

<b>Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:</b>	<b>11/25/2011</b>
<b>Proposed Penalty:</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>

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

29CFR1910.101(b) Section 3, Compressed Gas Administration Pamphlet P-1. 1965. as adopted by 29CFR1910.101(b). Storage requirements all gas cylinders: Shall be stored within a well ventilated area.

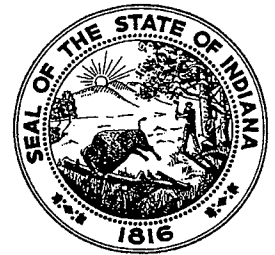
Maintenance shop - There were two LP compressed gas cylinders stored in a flammable materials cabinet.

<b>Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:</b>	<b>Corrected During Inspection</b>
<b>Proposed Penalty:</b>	<b>\$1,875.00</b>



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

29 CFR 1910.110(f)(2)(i): LP gas container(s) in storage were not located so as to minimize exposure to excessive temperature rise, physical damage, or tampering by unauthorized persons:

Maintenance area - There was an LP compressed gas cylinder stored next to an aisle used by forklifts unprotected from damage.

**Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:** **Corrected During Inspection**  
**Proposed Penalty:** **\$1,500.00**

**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: rotating parts.

Maintenance area - The Kalamazoo band saw, s/n k22464, had the unused portion of the blade unguarded.

**Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:** **11/18/2011**  
**Proposed Penalty:** **\$1,500.00**

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

29 CFR 1910.213(c)(1): Circular hand fed rip saw(s) were not guarded by an automatically adjusting hood which completely enclosed that portion of the saw above the table and above the material being cut:

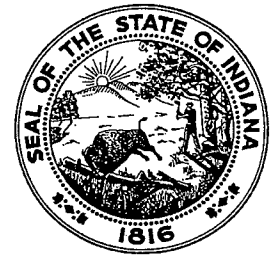
Pattern shop - The Grizzly 12 inch table saw did not have a blade guard.

**Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:** **11/18/2011**  
**Proposed Penalty:** **\$1,500.00**

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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 6a** 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):

Forklift maintenance area - The gas powered compressor had two unguarded pulleys exposing ingoing nip points where the drive belt meets the pulleys.

**Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:** 11/18/2011  
**Proposed Penalty:** \$1,500.00

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

29 CFR 1910.219(e)(1)(i): Horizontal belts which had both runs 42 inches or less from the floor level were not fully enclosed by guards conforming to requirements specified in 29 CFR 1910.219(m) and (o):

Forklift maintenance area - The gas powered compressor had the drive belt unguarded exposing ingoing nip points where the belt meets the two pulleys.

**Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:** 11/18/2011

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**Safety Order 1 Item 7 Type of Violation: **Serious****

29 CFR 1910.253(b)(2)(ii): Assigned storage spaces for cylinders was not located away from elevators, stairs, or gangways where cylinders could not be knocked over or damaged by passing or falling objects, or subject to tampering by unauthorized persons:

Melting deck area - There were two acetylene compressed gas cylinders stored on the floor unprotected from damage or being knocked over.

<b>Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:</b>	<b>11/18/2011</b>
<b>Proposed Penalty:</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>

**Safety Order 1 Item 8 Type of Violation: **Serious****

29 CFR 1910.303(g)(2)(i): Live parts of electric equipment operating at 50 volts or more were not guarded against accidental contact by approved cabinets or other forms of approved enclosures, or other means listed under this provision:

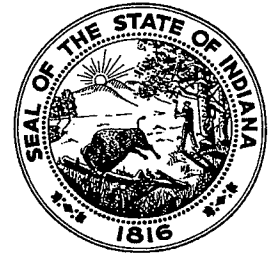
- a) Melt deck - The Siemens load center, # PP1, had breaker space # 39 open.
- b) Maintenance area - The Siemens load center, # PP3, had an open space 4 1/2 inches high by 2 1/4 inches wide open.

<b>Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:</b>	<b>11/18/2011</b>
<b>Proposed Penalty:</b>	<b>\$1,875.00</b>

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**Safety Order 1 Item 9 Type of Violation: **Serious****

29CFR1910.304 (g)(5) The path to ground from circuits, equipment, and enclosures shall be permanent, continuous, and effective.

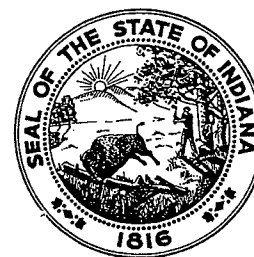
- a) Finish line - The TPI floor fan did not have a path to ground.
- b) Melting area - The Air Master floor fan did not have a path to ground.

<b>Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:</b>	<b>11/18/2011</b>
<b>Proposed Penalty:</b>	<b>\$1,875.00</b>

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

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1): Place(s) of employment were not kept clean and orderly, or in a sanitary condition:

Maintenance area - The storage deck above the maintenance crib had the floor area covered with materials such as wire, hoses and other parts creating trip hazards.

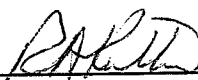
**Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:** 11/18/2011  
**Proposed Penalty:** \$0.00

**Safety Order 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Non-Serious****

29CFR1910.179(l)(3)(iii)(d) Pendant control stations shall be kept clean and function labels kept legible.

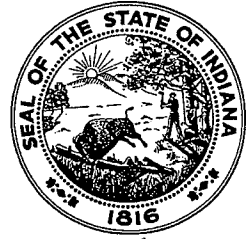
Plt 2, Finish line - The control buttons for the pendant control on the P&H overhead crane #5 were not legible.

**Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:** 11/18/2011  
**Proposed Penalty:** \$0.00

  
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**INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE**

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<b>Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number</b>		315673558
Safety Order 01, Serious	=	\$14,625.00
Safety Order 02, <i>NON-SERIOUS</i>	=	\$0.00
Serious <i>(initials)</i>		
<b>Total Proposed Penalties</b>		\$14,625.00

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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