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IOSHA and Pilkington Settle on Safety Orders

Parties agree worker safety is enhanced by agreement; largest penalties assessed in IOSHA history

INDIANAPOLIS (April 9, 2014) – The Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA) has reached an agreement with Pilkington North America to settle four Safety Orders issued as a result of two inspections in 2012. The first was a follow up inspection after a work-place fatality and the second was a complaint inspection later in 2012.

As a result of the settlement, Pilkington will complete all safety abatements by Dec. 31, 2014. Additionally, the company will post warning signs on or near hazards, provide machine guarding training for employees and provide dedicated personnel to eliminate all remaining hazards. IOSHA will conduct a follow-up inspection to verify that all hazards have been eliminated.

Pilkington also agreed to payment of \$495,500 in penalties for the inspections and resulting Safety Orders. This combined penalty is the highest issued in IOSHA history.

“This agreement stresses the seriousness of the safe operation of production machinery and will create a significantly safer workplace for Pilkington employees, said Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “The agreement shows a sincere commitment on the part of Pilkington North America to improve workplace safety.”

The agreement can be found at www.in.gov/dol/files/PILKINGTON.pdf.

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