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U.S. Department of Labor

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

1648 Tri Park Way Appleton, WI 54914

Phone: (920) 734-4521 Fax: (920) 734-2661



November 9, 2015

Dear Kent Differt,

On 05/19/2015, an OSHA compliance officer met with you or your representative as part of an inspection at 7503 Feith Ave. Weston, WI 54476. This letter includes the citations for the violations that were found (see summary below). Please choose one of the three options from the box to the right and complete the associated steps found on the following page within 15 working days. Please call us if you have any questions about the enclosed citation and/or penalties; we are here to help you choose the best option to resolve your citation as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bonack, Area Director

Your Citation Summary

Affordable Exteriors LLC Inspection Number: 1064184

Total Amount Due: \$112200.00

Payment Due Date: 15 working days

after receipt of

this letter

You must correct each violation by the date listed in the Citation and Notification of Penalty. Please see the violations and the correction deadline for each violation starting on page 6.

Total Number of Violations: 8

Your First Correction Deadline is: 11/18/2015

Step 1 – Choose a Response Option and Act within 15 working days

Respond now before you lose the ability to discuss potential adjustments to penalty amounts and/or due dates. Please choose one option below and complete the steps on the next page.

Option #1 - Discuss with OSHA

I would like to discuss the citation with an OSHA representative. This may lead to changes in the penalty amount, due date or correction deadlines (if appropriate).

Option #2 – Correct and Pay

I agree with the citation, penalties, and correction deadlines, and do not contest.

Option #3 - Contest the Citation

I do not agree with the citation, penalties, and/or correction deadlines, and would like to contest.

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the citation, penalties, and/or correction deadlines, please call us at (920) 734-4521.

Step 2 – Complete One Option Checklist

Please post a copy of the citation at or near the place where each violation occurred, even if you plan to contest. You can use the checklist to the right to help plan your next steps. Please do not send in your checklist.

Option #1 – Discuss with OSHA I will complete by						
D	 Call: Robert J. Bonack, Area Director, at (920) 734-4521 as soon as possible to schedule a meeting with an OSHA representative that must occur within 15 working days of receiving this citation. Bring supporting documentation of existing conditions and corrections done thus far. If necessary, you can still contest the citation after this meeting. **This meeting does NOT extend your 15 working day deadline to contest the citation.** 			/		
		Fill in and post the attached "Notice to Employees OSHA Informal Conference" after scheduling meeting.				
	Option #2 – Corr	ect Violations and Pay Pe	nalty	will complete by:		
*	Corrective repair (e.g first page, correction documen	Correct violations, then complete and mail the attached "Certification of Corrective Action Worksheet" along with the appropriate evidence of repair (e.g. photos, purchase orders, etc.) to the OSHA office listed on the first page, postmarked within 10 calendar days after each violation's correction deadline and include any required evidence. If these documents are transmitted by means other than mailing, the date the Agency received the documents is the date of submission.				
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Occupational Safety and Health Administration 1648 Tri Park Way Appleton, WI 54914

Phone: 920-734-4521 Fax: 920-734-2661



Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

Affordable Exteriors LLC and its successors 19572 County Highway F Bloomer, WI 54724

Inspection Site: 7503 Feith Ave. Weston, WI 54476

Inspection Number: 1064184

Inspection Date(s): 05/19/2015 - 05/19/2015

Issuance Date: 11/09/2015

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. 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 working 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 on www.pay.gov. On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type "OSHA" and click Go. From the results, click on OSHA Penalty Payment Form. 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 abatement. 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 v	with OSHA to discuss the	e citation(s) issued on
11/09/2015. The conference will be held by t	elephone or at the OSHA	office located at 1648 Tri
Park Way, Appleton, WI 54914 on	at	Employees
and/or representatives of employees have a ri	ght to attend an informal	conference.

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET

Inspection Number: 1064184

Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC

Inspection Site: 7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

Issuance Date: 11/09/2015

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, 1648 Tri Park Way, Appleton, WI 54914

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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 Inspection Date(s): 05/19/2015 - 05/19/2015

Inspection Number: 1064184

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC

Inspection Site: 7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

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

29 CFR 1926,20(b)(2): The employer did not initiate and maintain a safety program which provides for frequent and regular inspections of jobsites, materials, and equipment to be made by a competent person:

Affordable Exteriors project site at 7503 Feith St. Weston, WI: Affordable Exteriors LLC did not develop and maintain a safety and health program to include frequent and regular inspections of the jobsite to be made by competent persons designated by the employer. Such inspections by a competent person would have identified and addressed unsafe jobsite conditions such as the proper use of PPE, damage electrical cords, set up and use of ladders and scaffolding, no fall protection provided working above six feet.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

11/24/2015 \$4620.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Inspection Date(s): 05/19/2015 - 05/19/2015

Inspection Number: 1064184

Issuance Date: 11/09/2015



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC Inspection Site: 7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

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

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

Affordable Exteriors project site at 7503 Feith St. Weston, WI: On 5/19/15, employees working on the ground picking up debris, below other workers on the roof of the house, were not wearing hardhats to protect them from falling objects including tools and roofing material.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

11/18/2015 \$3300.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Inspection Date(s): 05/19/2015 - 05/19/2015

Inspection Number: 1064184

Issuance Date: 11/09/2015



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC Inspection Site: 7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

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

29 CFR 1926.416(e)(1): Worn or frayed electric cords or cables were used:

Affordable Exteriors project site at 7503 Feith St. Weston, WI: On 5/19/15, two extension cords supplying 120v power to a circular saw on the roof were spliced together and the splice covered with duct tape, exposing workers to shock, burn, and potential fall hazards from the roof to ground in the event of a shock.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

11/18/2015 \$3960.00

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Inspection Date(s): 05/19/2015 - 05/19/2015

Inspection Number: 1064184

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC **Inspection Site:** 7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

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

Citation 2 Item 1 a Type of Violation: Willful

29 CFR 1926.21(b)(2): The employer does not instruct each employee in the recognition and avoidance of unsafe condition(s) and the regulation(s) applicable to his work environment to control or eliminate any hazard(s) or other exposure to illness or injury:

Affordable Exteriors project site at 7503 Feith St. Weston, WI: Affordable Exteriors LLC does not provide training to employees which would allow them to recognize and avoid unsafe conditions, or to understand and follow the OSHA Standards that apply to construction work, to include the proper use of personal protective equipment, power tools, extension cords, scaffolding, ladders, and fall protection.

To abate these hazards the employer must ensure employees have been trained to recognize and avoid unsafe conditions, to understand the OSHA Standards relating to construction activity, and the methods needed to control or eliminate hazards which could lead to injury or illness.

Affordable Exteriors LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard which was contained in OSHA inspection number 317749893, citation number 1, item number 3, and was affirmed as a final order on 2/2/15, with respect to a workplace located at 201 N. Hugo Ave. Duluth, MN 55812.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including copies of the training materials and the names and qualifications of the persons it is designating as competent.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

12/09/2015 \$46200.00

See pages 1 through 4 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Inspection Date(s): 05/19/2015 - 05/19/2015

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC **Inspection Site:** 7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

Citation 2 Item 1 b Type of Violation: Willful

29 CFR 1926.503(a)(1): The employer does not provide a training program for each employee potentially exposed to fall hazards to enable each employee to recognize the hazards of falling and the procedures to be followed in order to minimize these hazards:

Affordable Exteriors project site at 7503 Feith St. Weston, WI: Affordable Exteriors does not have a program to ensure employees are able to recognize fall hazards and take the appropriate actions to eliminate those hazards, and does not ensure the employees have been trained by a competent person to properly set up and use fall protection systems or to understand the other Standards in this subpart.

To abate this hazard the employer must ensure that each employee is trained to recognize fall hazards, the OSHA regulations applicable to fall protection during construction activity, and to properly set up and use fall protection systems appropriate for each project site.

Affordable Exteriors LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard which was contained in OSHA inspection number 317749893, citation number 1, item number 3, and was affirmed as a final order on 2/2/15, with respect to a workplace located at 201 N. Hugo Ave. Duluth, MN 55812.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including the names and qualifications of the persons it is designating as competent, and a description of their responsibilities.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

11/24/2015

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Inspection Date(s): 05/19/2015 - 05/19/2015

Inspection Number: 1064184

Issuance Date: 11/09/2015



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC

Inspection Site: 7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

Citation 2 Item 1 c Type of Violation: Willful

29 CFR 1926.1060(a): The employer does not provide a training program for each employee using ladders and stairways, as necessary, which would enable each employee to recognize hazards related to ladders and stairways and train each employee in the procedures to be followed to minimize these hazards

Affordable Exteriors project site at 7503 Feith St. Weston, WI: Affordable Exteriors does not have a program to ensure employees are able to recognize hazards associated with the use of ladders and to take the appropriate actions to eliminate those hazards, and does not ensure the employees have been trained by a competent person to properly set up and use ladders or to understand the other Standards in this subpart.

To abate this hazard the employer must ensure that each employee is trained to recognize ladder hazards, the OSHA regulations applicable to stairways and ladders during construction activity, and to properly set up and use ladders appropriate for each project site.

Affordable Exteriors LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard which was contained in OSHA inspection number 317749893, citation number 1, item number 3, and was affirmed as a final order on 2/2/15, with respect to a workplace located at 201 N. Hugo Ave. Duluth, MN 55812.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including the names and qualifications of the persons it is designating as competent, and a description of their responsibilities.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

11/24/2015

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Inspection Date(s): 05/19/2015 - 05/19/2015

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC **Inspection Site:** 7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: Willful

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(13): Each employee(s) 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, nor were employee(s) provided with an alternative fall protection measure under another provision of paragraph 1926.501 (b):

Affordable Exteriors project site at 7503 Feith St. Weston, WI: Each employee on a steep pitch roof, with unprotected sides and edges, is not protected from falling by any form of fall protection. The employer does not require the use of any form of fall protection during roofing work. This violation was most recently observed at 7503 Feith St. Weston, WI 54476, where seven employees were not protected from fall hazards between 9 feet and greater than 30 feet to the ground.

To abate this violation, the employer must ensure that its employees performing roofing work are protected from falls, and that no employee is allowed onto a roof more than 6 feet above a lower level without adequate fall protection.

Affordable Exteriors LLC was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard which was contained in OSHA inspection number 317749893, citation number 1, item number 2B, and was affirmed as a final order on 2/2/15, with respect to a workplace located at 201 N. Hugo Ave. Duluth, MN 55812; and was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard which was contained in OSHA inspection number 967492, citation number 2, item number 1, and was affirmed as a final order on 7/22/15, with respect to a workplace located at Stoney River Memory Care, Marshfield, WI 54472; and was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard, or its equivalent standard 1926.501(b)(11), which was contained in OSHA inspection number 317312338, citation number 1, item number 2, and was affirmed as a final order on 8/10/14, with respect to a workplace located at 2231 W. 3rd St. Duluth, MN 55806.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 1903.19, the employer must submit documents describing the steps it is taking to ensure compliance, including a description of how these steps protect its employees from fall hazards.

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Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC

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ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty:

11/18/2015 \$46200.00

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Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Affordable Exteriors LLC **Inspection Site:** 7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

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

29 CFR 1926.102(a)(1): Eye and face protective equipment were not used when machines or operations presented potential eye or face injury from physical, chemical, or radiation agents:

Affordable Exteriors project site at 7503 Feith St. Weston, WI: On 5/19/15, employees reroofing a house were not provided with or wearing safety glasses while using a circular saw and pneumatic nail guns, which exposed them to hazards from flying objects.

Affordable Exteriors was previously cited for a violation of this occupational safety and health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1926.102(a)(1) which was contained in OSHA inspection 967492, citation number 1, item number 1 and was affirmed as a final order on 07/31/15, with respect to a workplace located at Stoney River Memory Care, Marshfield, WI 54476.

ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

12/09/2015 \$7920.00

Robert J. Bonack Area Director

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration 1648 Tri Park Way Appleton, WI 54914

Phone: 920-734-4521 Fax: 920-734-2661



INVOICE / DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

Company Name:

Affordable Exteriors LLC

Inspection Site:

7503 Feith Ave., Weston, WI 54476

Issuance Date:

11/09/2015

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number	1064184
Citation 1, Serious	\$11880.00
Citation 2, Willful	\$92400.00
Citation 3, Repeat	\$7920.00
TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES	\$112200.00

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 on www.pay.gov. On the left side of the pay.gov homepage, you will see an option to Search Public Forms. Type "OSHA" and click Go. From the results, click on OSHA Penalty Payment Form. 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 2 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.

Robert J. Bonack

Area Director