Aluminum Company Issued 17 Serious Safety Violation

OSHA conducted an inspection in October 2010 and cited the company for failure to use lockout/tagout procedures for energy sources, guard open-sided floors and platforms, provide standard railings for fixed stairways, mark doorways or passages along an exit route, ensure fire extinguishers were readily available and provide machine guarding. Other alleged serious violations include failure to remove a front-end loader from service when repairs were needed, perform periodic inspections of crane hoists, keep aisles clear and free from debris, protect electrical conductors from abrasions, ensure unused openings in electrical panels were effectively closed and provide covers for junction boxes. The company was also issued three other-than-serious citations alleging failure to complete OSHA 300 logs, certify a personal protective equipment hazard assessment and document the inspection of lockout/tagout procedures. Penalties totaling $76,500 have been issued for these alleged violations.

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