Fire Brings Citations for 12 Safety Violations, Along With $71,000 in Proposed Penalties

OSHA began an investigation after four employees at a plant were hospitalized as a result of a fire that occurred when employees attempted to unclog a machine of carbon black powder and polyethylene pellets. A willful citation was issued for alleged failure to use lockout/tagout control procedures when employees attempted to clear jammed machinery. The company was also cited for 10 alleged serious and one other-than-serious violations.

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