

## Lead/OSHA Enforcement: Canton, Ohio Steel Manufacturer Alleged Violations



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The United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) issued a May 19th news release stating that it has proposed \$279,578 in penalties for a Republic Steel (“Republic”) facility.

Republic Steel is described as an automotive steel manufacturer with a facility in Canton, Ohio.

The alleged lead violations are stated to include exposure of seven workers to excessive levels of lead.

The alleged violations are stated to include failure to:

- Implement engineering controls to lower exposure to steel dust particulates
- Prohibit employees from eating in areas where lead exposure is possible
- Affix locking devices to machine operating parts during maintenance
- Replace damaged guard and stair rails

Republic Steel has 15 business days from receipt of the citations and penalties to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA’s Area Director, or contest the findings before the Independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

[A copy of the news release can be downloaded here.](#)