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**OSHA cites McAllen company for safety failures that exposed workers,
community to serious dangers of anhydrous ammonia**
Lineage Logistics, LLC fined \$58K for nine violations

Employer name: Lineage Logistics LLC**Inspection Site:** 4000 West Military Highway, McAllen, Texas**Citations issued:** March 15, 2016

Investigation findings: The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration initiated the October 2015 inspection following a report of ammonia release at Lineage Logistics, a warehousing and logistics company. The agency cited the company for nine serious violations, six for process safety management standards violations, two for not fit testing or providing a medical evaluation of employees before they could wear respirators, and one serious violation was issued for not having a functioning emergency safety eyewash station.

Proposed penalties: The fines total \$58,000

Quote: "Employers that fail to follow the minimum requirements of the PSM standards could release hazardous chemicals, exposing workers, endangering the surrounding community and opening themselves to scrutiny from federal law enforcement agencies," said Travis Clark, OSHA's Area Director in the Corpus Christi office. "Having the right equipment, procedures and plans in place to prevent hazards in the workplace must be an employer's top priority."

Citations: http://www.osha.gov/ooc/citations/Lineage_Logistics_LLC_1099235.pdf*

Information: Lineage Logistics has 15 business days from receipt of its citations to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's area director, or contest the citations and penalties before the independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

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