

Asbestos/OSHA Enforcement: Missouri Contractors Cited for Alleged Violations Related to Restoration of Kansas State University Library



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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) issued a May 15th news release stating that it cited two Missouri contractors for allegedly failing to comply with asbestos removal standards while performing rehabilitation work at Kansas State University’s Library in Manhattan, Kansas.

The companies cited are Custom Crushing & Company (“Custom”) and Belfor Property Restoration (“Belfor”).

Custom is stated to have been cited for violations which include:

- exposing employees to asbestos;
- failure to provide respiratory protection, and personal protective clothing;
- failure to develop a written hazard communication program;
- failure to train workers on asbestos hazards;
- failure to properly dispose of material and waste containing asbestos; and
- failure to conduct medical surveillance for employees exposed to health hazards.

Belfor is stated to have been cited for violations that include:

- failure to inform building’s owner and other employees of the location and quantity of presumed asbestos-containing material

OSHA is proposing civil penalties of \$193,596 for Custom and \$39,780 for Belfor.

The two companies have 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](#).