

Ethylene Oxide/OSHA Enforcement: Penalty Proposed for Verona, Missouri, Nutrition Production Plant



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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) issued an October 6th news release citing BCP Ingredients Inc. (“BCP”) for alleged violations.

BCP is stated to operate a Verona, Missouri, nutrition production plant.

OSHA is stated to have issued 24 serious safety and health violations to BCP. The cited violations allegedly exposed workers to:

- Amputations due to lack of adequate machine guarding and hazardous energy control procedures, a process commonly known as lockout/tagout.
- Toxic and hazardous chemicals, such as ethylene oxide and methylene chloride, because of inadequate process safety management procedures and monitoring.
- Combustible dust hazards.
- Fall hazards of greater than 4 feet while walking on working surfaces.
- Electrical safety hazards.

Alleged violations also included failure to maintain eyewash stations near chemical use areas.

BCP has 15 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](#).