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OSHA Enforcement: Middletown, New Jersey, Foundry Proposed Penalties for Alleged Violations



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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA") issued a September 9th news release indicating it was proposing penalties for Engineered Precision Casting Co. ("Engineered Precision") for alleged violations.

The news release provides that Engineered Precision operates a foundry ("Foundry") in Middletown, New Jersey.

The Foundry is stated to make steel and aluminum parts for the aircraft, aerospace, military and defense, oil and gas, and other industries.

OSHA is stated to have opened an inspection on March 9th at the Engineered Precision Foundry.

The inspection is stated to have determined that the company:

- Did not provide employees with required personal protective equipment
- Failed to provide hazardous communication training on chemicals in use
- Failed to provide training on energy control procedures such as lockout/tagout
- Did not establish an inspection program from overhead cranes
- Did not implement a written respiratory protection program
- Failed to provide suitable facilities in the work area for employees to quickly drench or flush their eyes and body in an emergency

OSHA is proposing penalties of \$303,106.

Engineered Precision has 15 days from receipt of the citation and penalties to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA's Area Director, or contest the findings before the Independent Occupation Safety and Health Review Commission.

A copy of the news release can be downloaded <u>here</u>.