

OR-OSHA Enforcement Activity for Calendar Years 2000-2009

Year of Inspection	INSPECTIONS					VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES ASSESSED								Citations Issued
	Safety	Health	Total	Employers Covered	% In Compliance	Serious		Repeat		Willful		Other		
						No.	\$ Penalty	No.	\$ Penalty	No.	\$ Penalty	No.	\$ Penalty	
2000	4,399	680	5,386	166,158	24.3	4,080	\$1,498,274	244	\$460,450	4	\$130,000	6,464	\$175,110	3,933
2001	4,823	848	5,671	199,891	24.8	4,757	\$1,540,605	258	\$396,630	2	\$45,000	8,440	\$288,845	4,093
2002	4,730	793	5,523	199,160	23.9	4,312	\$1,522,055	203	\$303,390	2	\$100,000	7,292	\$252,785	4,034
2003	4,460	821	5,281	210,171	23.0	4,222	\$1,596,322	219	\$475,130	0	\$0	7,177	\$251,025	3,893
2004	4,288	816	5,104	228,067	24.9	4,181	\$1,477,010	213	\$383,555	2	\$120,000	7,142	\$192,815	3,832
2005	4,091	738	4,829	268,095	22.2	4,334	\$1,386,025	231	\$458,900	2	\$140,000	6,205	\$178,165	3,755
2006	4,090	900	4,990	370,162	26.8	4,046	\$1,393,915	261	\$756,550	0	0	5,657	\$228,375	3,653
2007	4,163	898	5,061	239,951	24.9	4,163	\$1,517,850	274	\$661,100	2	\$30,000	5,693	\$233,725	3,801
2008	4,331	952	5,283	207,972	23.9	4,649	\$1,697,848	224	\$486,975	2	\$50,000	5,721	\$203,695	4,020
2009	4,572	933	5,505	190,682	24.5	4,865	\$1,775,998	170	\$377,430	10	\$700,000	6,416	\$77,270	4,157

Data include inspections opened during calendar years 2005-2009. 2009 data is subject to change as inspections are completed over time.

Source: Information Management Division, Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, March 31, 2010

OR-OSHA fines Americold \$740K for serious safety violations

SALEM — Last year, the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OR-OSHA) slapped Americold Logistics, a national refrigerated warehouse operation, with a \$740,400 fine for 10 willful safety

violations, four serious repeat violations, and 22 other serious violations of the Oregon Safe Employment Act at its facility at 9501 S.E. McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie. Americold Logistics is one of five Oregon locations for the At-

lanta-based corporation.

It was the fourth highest penalty issued in the agency's history.

The citations have been appealed. The safety and health violations were found during an inspection Sept.

16, 2009. The bulk of the violations were related to how the company managed the safety and maintenance of ammonia systems used in its commercial refrigeration system.

"By not having proper safeguards in

place to contain ammonia, the company was putting workers in serious danger of injury or death due to a major chemical release or explosion," Oregon OSHA found.

Ammonia can cause severe alkaline chemical burns to skin, eyes, and the respiratory system. If a chemical leak occurs, ammonia released from such a system will expand rapidly, making it difficult to contain.


Among other issues, the inspection identified excessive ice buildup, creating the potential for system damage and in some cases encasing valves, making it difficult, if not impossible, to close them in the event of an emergency. The inspection also identified significant corrosion of pipes and missing drain valve plugs, making ammonia release more likely.

OR-OSHA conducted an accident investigation at the Milwaukie location in 2007 after two employees were sent to the hospital following an ammonia compressor explosion. Eighteen violations were issued.

"Protecting workers from highly hazardous chemicals should be the result of a credible program of inspections, hazard identification, and preventive maintenance to ensure the system's integrity," said OR OSHA Administrator Michael Wood. "The safety of the facility's workers must not be left to chance." Another critical component, he said, is accurately documenting regular inspections and testing, to allow for appropriate tracking and follow-up. In the Americold facility, the inspection found that company managers had documented the presence of safety measures that were not in place.

OR OSHA also cited Americold for violations of asbestos safety standards, due to damaged insulation.

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