

U. S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration



Notice of Alleged Safety or Health Hazards

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Complaint Number		203588074	
Establishment Name	U.S. Penitentiary - Atwater		
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Type of Business	Federal Penitentiary		Ownership
Primary SIC	9223	Primary NAICS	922140
HAZARD DESCRIPTION/LOCATION. Describe briefly the hazard(s) which you believe exist. Include the approximate number of employees exposed to or impacted by each hazard. Specify the particular building or worksite where the alleged violation exists.			

- DESCRIPTION:**
- Staff members and inmate employees are required to consume food and/or beverages in an area with identified toxic material contamination in violation of 1910.141(g)(2). The UNICOR Warehouse lunchroom surfaces, including but not limited to tables, are contaminated with lead, cadmium and barium from work processes, compressed air cleaning processes and employee clothing. The lunchroom is not sealed off from the workroom area.
 - The food service facility and operations handling food consumed by staff members and inmate employees is not carried out in accordance with sound hygienic principles. The food dispensed is not processed, prepared, handled, and stored in such a manner as to be protected against contamination from lead, cadmium and barium particulate that disperses throughout the UNICOR warehouse from work processes, employee clothing and aerosolized particles resulting from compressed air utilized for cleaning. 1910.141(h)
 - The UNICOR warehouse triage, production and storage areas where staff members and inmate employees work are not kept clean to the extent that the nature of the work allows. The work surfaces are contaminated with lead, cadmium and Barium. 1910.141(a)(3)(i). Compressed air utilized to clean the work surfaces only aerosolized the particles where they spread and settle onto the work surface again as well as spread throughout the warehouse contaminating other areas.
 - Staff members and inmate employees exposed to lead, cadmium and barium are experiencing skin and eye irritation. They have not been provided with the PPE identified in the PPE hazard assessment to ensure protection from the absorption, inhalation or physical contact hazards with the identified chemicals. 1910.132(d)(1)(i)
 - Staff members and inmate employees working in the UNICOR warehouse are exposed to compressed air utilized for cleaning that exceeds 30 p.s.i. during use by inmates. 1910.242(b)
 - Staff members and inmate employees have not received effective information and training on cadmium and barium utilized in the UNICOR warehouse in accordance with 1910.1200(h)(2) and (3). No training on cadmium and barium has occurred.
 - Staff members and inmate employees assigned to UNICOR duties have not been informed, upon first entering into employment and at least annually thereafter, of the requirements of 1910.1020(g)(1) including information on the existence, location, and availability of any records covered by this section (sampling data including, but not limited to, air sampling and wipe sampling utilized to evaluate the presence of hazardous substances); identification of the person responsible for maintaining and providing access to the records; and each employees right of access to these records. 1910.1020(g)(1).

***** AMENDED NOTICE OF ALLEGED SAFETY OR HEALTH HAZARDS replaces notice with time and date of Mon Jan 24, 2005 10:18 AM. *****

LOCATION:
Unicor Warehouse