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OSHA ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

OSHA threw the book at a Texas industrial employer after allegedly finding that Houston's Piping Technology and Products, Inc. exposed its employees to amputation risks and other safety hazards. The fine was set at just over \$1 million. Six-figure fines were levied recently against 28 companies across the nation as follows:

- A&B Ironworks, LLC (NJ), \$110,220
- Boomerang Tube, LLC (TX), \$468,000
- Briggs & Stratton Power Products Group, LLC (NY), \$125,000
- Cargill Meat Solutions Corp. (WI), \$146,400
- Case Farms (OH), \$288,000
- Central Transport International, Inc. (IL), \$164,800
- C.O. Grain, Inc. (NE), \$132,000
- Colorado Blue Ribbon Foods (CO), \$116,600
- Electronic Plating Co. (IL), \$151,400
- G.A. Denison & Sons, Inc. (CT), \$110,000
- Gire Construction, Inc. (IL), \$144,100
- Granbury Contracting & Utilities, Inc. (TX), \$118,580
- Harbor Point Mineral Products (NY), \$155,200
- Huntington Ingalls Industries (MS), \$176,000
- Legend Tube & Metal Sales, Inc. (OH), \$157,200
- Loos & Co., Inc. (CT), \$177,000
- Martha M. Alvarez (TX), \$102,300
- Midsouth Steel, Inc. (GA), \$184,800
- Model Screw Products, Inc. (FL), \$109,800
- Petag Corp. (TX), \$144,760
- Remington Arms Co. (NY), \$170,000
- Resource Management Cos. (MO), \$195,930
- Ringo Drilling I, LP (TX), \$130,200
- Sigma Processed Meats, Inc. (OK), \$204,800
- Supply Plus NJ, Inc. (NJ), \$126,000
- Total Remodeling Services, LLC (CT), \$127,560
- United Contracting (WI), \$149,200
- Wood-Mode, Inc. (PA), \$122,200

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In another OSHA enforcement action, Haasbach, LLC, an Illinois grain storage operator, has gone out of business and paid nearly \$270,000 in OSHA fines following the suffocation death of two teenage workers in July 2010. A third worker was injured in the incident. The two deceased victims, aged 19 and 14, were trapped in a grain bin of corn more than 30 feet deep.

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