

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**  
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## Citation and Notification of Penalty

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**To:**  
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE-LOS ANGELES  
and its successors  
5800 W. Century Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90009

**Inspection Number:** 314704180  
**Inspection Date(s):** 06/02/2010-08/20/2010  
**Issuance Date:** 11/18/2010

**Inspection Site:**  
5800 W. Century Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90009

*The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.*

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This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty you mail a notice of contest to the U.S. Department of Labor Area Office at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) which outlines your rights and responsibilities and which should be read in conjunction with this form. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

**Posting** - The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer. **The penalty dollar amounts need not be posted and may be marked out or covered up prior to posting.**

**Informal Conference** - An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Director during the 15 working day contest period. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe would support an adjustment to the citation(s) and/or penalty(ies).

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to this Citation and Notification of Penalty, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal

conference, should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to contest must be submitted to the Director within 15 working days of your receipt of this Citation. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference.

If you decide to request an informal conference, please complete, remove and post the page 5 Notice to Employees next to this Citation and Notification of Penalty as soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined. Be sure to bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far. If conditions warrant, we can enter into an informal settlement agreement which amicably resolves this matter without litigation or contest.

**Right to Contest** - You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Director in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency.

**Penalty Payment** - Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. See the enclosed booklet and the additional information provided related to the Debt Collection Act of 1982. Make your check or money order payable to "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

**Notification of Corrective Action** - For each violations which you do not contest, you are required by 29 CFR 1903.19 to submit an Abatement Certification to the Director of the OSHA office issuing the citation and identified above. The certification must be sent by you within 10 calendar days of the abatement date indicated on the citation. For **Willful** and **Repeat** violations, documents (examples: photos, copies of receipts, training records, etc.) demonstration that abatement is complete must accompany the certification. Where the citation is classified as **Serious** and the citations states that abatement documentation is required, documentation such as those described above are required to be submitted along with the abatement certificate. If the citation indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item.

**All abatement certification documents must contain the following information:** 1) Your name and address; 2) the inspection number (found on the front page); 3) the citation and citation item number(s) to which the submission relates; 4) a statement that the information is accurate; 5) the signature of the employer or employer's authorized representative; 6) the date the hazard was corrected; 7) a brief statement of how the hazard was corrected; and 8) a statement that affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

The law also requires a copy of all abatement verification documents, required by 29 CFR 1903.19 to be sent to OSHA, also be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place.

**Employer Discrimination Unlawful** - The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the U.S. Department of Labor OSHA Office at the address shown above.

**Employer Rights and Responsibilities** - The enclosed booklet (OSHA 3000) outlines additional employer rights and responsibilities and should be read in conjunction with this notification.

**Notice to Employees** - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the U.S. Department of Labor OSHA Office at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

**Inspection Activity Data** - You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system that you have received this citation, but not sooner than 30 calendar days after the Citation Issuance Date. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at [WWW.OSHA.GOV](http://WWW.OSHA.GOV). If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.

Abatement-Certification Letter

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The hazard referenced in Inspection Number \_\_\_\_\_ for violation identified as  
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The affected employees and their representative have been informed of the above abatement measures.

I attest that the information contained in this document is accurate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Typed or Printed Name**

## NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE

An informal conference has been scheduled with OSHA to discuss the citation(s) issued on 11/18/2010. The conference will be held at the OSHA office located at Oakland Area Office, 1301 Clay Street, Ste 1080N, Oakland, CA, 94612 on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.



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**Citation 1 Item 1** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1): Place(s) of employment were not kept clean and orderly, or in a sanitary condition:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), First Floor, Columns E12 and E13: The work floor near portable conveyors was not kept clean and orderly. Trash, cardboard boxes, oily materials, and extension cords remained on the workroom floor, exposing employees to potential slipping and tripping hazards.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	11/30/2010
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 1500.00

**Citation 1 Item 2** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.23(c)(1): Every open sided floor or platform 4 feet or more above the adjacent floor or ground level was not guarded by standard railings (or the equivalent as specified in 29 CFR 1910.23(e)(3)(i) through (v):

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), Air Handler Unit/HVAC Rooms throughout Facility: On June 2, 2010 and at times prior thereto, the open sided floors of Air Handler Unit/HVAC rooms were not equipped with standard guardrails protecting the open sides of the ladder to prevent 11 feet 8 inches falls to the concrete floor which could result in serious physical injury or death.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	12/21/2010
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 2000.00

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**Citation 1 Item 3** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.27(f): Fixed ladder(s) were not maintained in a safe condition:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), First Floor Between Airline Inbound Dock and Mezzanine: On June 2, 2010 and at times prior thereto, several fixed metal ladders permanently secured to the concrete columns B16, B18, C18, C17, E15, E17, F15, F16, F17, F18, G16, G18, H15, H17, H18, and J16 were not maintained to prevent falls which could result in serious physical injury. Defects observed included missing rungs, bent handrails, damaged rungs, and ladders which had become loosened from attachment points to the columns.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty: \$ 3500.00

**Citation 1 Item 4** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.176(a): Aisle(s) or passageway(s) were not kept clear and in good repair where mechanical handling equipment was used:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), First Floor Inbound Dock, Columns H11 through G11: Steel deck plates covering the concrete surface were not even and protruding sharp metal edges in the inbound dock passageway area, exposing employees to puncture and wounds to the foot and tripping and slipping hazards while exiting and entering the equipment.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty: \$ 2500.00



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**Citation 1 Item 5** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(b)(2): Listed or labeled electrical equipment was not used or installed in accordance with instructions included in the listing or labeling:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), throughout the facility: On June 2, 2010, and at times prior thereto, electrical outlet metal boxes were loosely placed on the concrete surface to supply electrical power to Global Business Service (GBS) stations. The boxes were not permanently mounted to ceiling, walls, or columns as branch circuits for outlets and were not used in accordance with the listing or labeling. The employees were exposed to electrical shock, arc flash, and arc blast.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	12/14/2010
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 1500.00

**Citation 1 Item 6** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(f)(2): Each service, feeder and branch circuit, at its disconnecting means or overcurrent device, was not legibly marked to indicate its purpose, nor located and arranged so the purpose was evident:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), throughout the facility: On June 2, 2010, and at times prior thereto, safety disconnects, circuit breakers, and electrical systems were not marked to identify their purpose. Employees were exposed to serious physical injuries such as, but not limited to electrical shock, arc flash, and arc blast burns.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	12/14/2010
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 1500.00





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**Citation 1 Item 7** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(b)(1)(ii): Unused openings in cabinets, boxes, and fittings were not effectively closed:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), Dumper #7, Conveyor Belt: On June 7, 2010, and at times prior thereto, a safety switch mounted below the conveyor belt was left in ON position to operate the belt, and a small round opening on top of the switch was not covered to prevent accidental contact with the AC electrical circuit inside the switch. Employees were exposed to serious physical injuries such as, but not limited to electrical shock, arc flash, and arc blast burns.
- (b) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), Column H12: On June 7, 2010, and at times prior thereto, an electrical service panel was missing two circuit breakers and there was a small horizontal opening just below the breaker openings. The electrical service panel openings were not covered to prevent accidental contact with AC electrical components such as, but not limited to hot bus bars, neutral bars and wires. Employees were exposed to serious physical injuries such as, but not limited to electrical shock, arc flash, and arc blast burns.
- (c) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), Column C-6, portable conveyor Belt: On June 7, 2010, and at times prior thereto, a safety switch mounted below the conveyor belt was left in ON position to operate the belt, and a small round opening in front of the safety switch was not covered to prevent accidental contact with the AC electrical circuit inside the switch. Employees were exposed to serious physical injuries such as, but not limited to electrical shock, arc flash, and arc blast burns.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	12/14/2010
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 2500.00

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**Citation 1 Item 8** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.332(b)(1): Employee was not trained in and familiar with the safety related work practices required by 29 CFR 1910.331 through 29 CFR 1910.335 that pertained to their respective job assignments:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC): On June 2, 2010, and at times prior thereto, an employee was not trained in and familiar with proper safety related work practices when performing maintenance and troubleshooting the Small Parcel Bundle Sorters and the Flat Sorter 1000s. The employee was not provided with appropriate training necessary to demonstrate the skills and knowledge required by the standard and by USPS internal documents. The employee was exposed to electrical hazards of 50 to 600 VAC which could result in serious physical injuries including electrical shock, arc flash, and burns.

Abatement Note: Abatement Documentation is required per 29 CFR 1903.19, in the form of written (i.e. policies, procedures, photos and/or invoices) or other evidence that this item has been corrected.

**ABATEMENT VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	12/14/2010
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 5000.00



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**Citation 1 Item 9** Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.335(a)(2)(i): When working near exposed energized conductors or circuit parts, each employee shall use insulated tools or handling equipment if the tools or handling equipment might make contact with such conductors or parts. If the insulating capability of insulated tools or handling equipment is subject to damage, the insulating material shall be protected.

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), throughout the facility: On June 2, 2010 and at times prior thereto, the employer did not provide insulated tools and equipment for the Electronic Technicians, Building Equipment Mechanics, Mail Processing Equipment Mechanics, and Maintenance Mechanics who worked on or near live energized parts, including SPBS, EIOSS, UFSM 1000, Green Machines, Sack Sorters, RVS (Receipt Verification Systems), conveyors, changing ballasts, electrical service panels, and replacing wires. Employees frequently worked on energized electrical systems of 50 to 600 volts. This condition exposed the employees to possible accidents which could result in serious physical injuries including electric shock, arc flash and arc blast burns.

Abatement Note: Abatement Documentation is required per 29 CFR 1903.19, in the form of written (i.e. policies, procedures, photos and/or invoices) or other evidence that this item has been corrected.

**ABATEMENT VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury resulting from an accident.

### Citation 2 Item 1a Type of Violation: **Willful**

29 CFR 1910.333(a)(1): Live parts to which an employee could be exposed were not de-energized before the employee worked on or near them:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), First Floor Between Columns H17 and H18: On June 3, 2010, and at times prior thereto, the employer did not ensure that a Building Equipment Mechanic (BEM) was protected when working on live energized parts. A maintenance supervisor assigned the mechanic to remove an energized 121 volts power supply cord strung between two separate columns. The employee did not de-energize the circuit. The employee was exposed to electric shock and arc/blast hazards.
- (b) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC): On June 2, 2010 and at time prior thereto, the employer did not ensure that maintenance employees working with energized mail processing equipment were protected when working on or near live parts. The maintenance employees routinely worked on live parts including voltage testing, maintenance, and troubleshooting on equipment such as, but not limited to Sack Sorter Machines (SSM), Delivery Bar Code Sorter Input/Output Subsystems (DIOSS), Letter Mail Labeling Machines (LMLM), Small Parcel Bundle Sorters (SPBS), Portable Conveyors, and Flat Sorter 1000/FSM 1000 electrical systems greater than 50 volts and safety related work practices were not used to protect them from the exposure to the electric shock and arc/blast.

Abatement Note: Abatement Documentation is required per 29 CFR 1903.19, in the form of written (i.e. policies, procedures, photos and/or invoices) or other evidence that this item has been corrected.

### **ABATEMENT VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

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Proposed Penalty:	\$ 70000.00

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**Citation 2 Item 1b** Type of Violation: **Willful**

29 CFR 1910.333(a)(2): Where exposed live parts were not de-energized, other safety related work practices were not used to protect employees who could be exposed to the electrical hazards involved:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), throughout the facility: On June 2, 2010 and at times prior thereto, USPS failed to ensure that the implementation of other safety related work practices to possibly include the selection and use of personal protective equipment; the selection and use of insulating and shielding equipment and the proper selection and use of insulated tools. The selection of other safety related work practices could have been determined by a hazard assessment. Maintenance employees routinely performed maintenance on live electrical equipment including Sack Sorter Machines, Delivery Bar Code Sorter Input/Output Subsystems, Letter Labeling Machines, Small Parcel Bundle Sorters, Portable Conveyors, and Flat Sorters.

Abatement Note: Abatement Documentation is required per 29 CFR 1903.19, in the form of written (i.e. policies, procedures, photos, and/or invoices) or other evidence that this item has been corrected.

**ABATEMENT VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

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The alleged violations below have been grouped because they involve similar or related hazards that may increase the potential for injury resulting from an accident.

### Citation 2 Item 2a Type of Violation: **Willful**

29 CFR 1910.335(a)(1)(i): Employees working in areas where there were potential electrical hazards were not provided with, and/or did not use, electrical protective equipment that was appropriate for the specific parts of the body to be protected and for the work to be performed:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC): On June 2, 2010, and at times prior thereto, the employer did not provide maintenance employees with personal protective equipment specific to parts of the body to be protected and for the work to be performed on mail processing systems of 50 to 480 volts. The employees frequently performed testing and troubleshooting on live electrical parts without appropriate PPE such as, but not limited to, voltage gloves, flame resistant clothing, arc rated face shield, balaclava and/or an arc rated hood. The employees were exposed to electrical shock and arc/blast hazards.
- (b) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC): On June 3, 2010, and at times prior thereto, the employer did not provide a Building Equipment Mechanic (BEM) with appropriate personal protective equipment while he was assigned to remove an energized temporary cord strung between two separate columns. A BEM assigned to disconnect an energized power supply cord was not provided with personal protective equipment including flame resistant clothing and voltage rated gloves. The employee was exposed to electrical shock and arc/blast hazards.

Abatement Note: Abatement Documentation is required per 29 CFR 1903.19, in the form of written (i.e. policies, procedures, photos, and/or invoices) or other evidence that this item has been corrected.

### **ABATEMENT VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

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**Citation 2 Item 2b** Type of Violation: **Willful**

29 CFR 1910.335(a)(1)(v): Employees were not provided with protective equipment for eyes or face wherever there was danger of injury to the eyes or face from electrical arcs or flashes or from flying objects resulting from electrical explosion:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC): On June 2, 2010, and at times prior thereto, the employer did not provide maintenance employees with electrical protective equipment that was appropriate for the specific parts of the body to be protected and for the work to be performed on mail processing systems of 50 to 480 volts. The employees frequently performed testing and troubleshooting on live electrical parts without appropriate PPE including arc rated face shields, balaclavas and/or arc rated hoods. The employees were exposed to electrical shock and arc/blast hazards.

Abatement Note: Abatement Documentation is required per 29 CFR 1903.19, in the form of written (i.e. policies, procedures, photos, and/or invoices) or other evidence that this item has been corrected.

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**Citation 2 Item 3** Type of Violation: **Willful**

29 CFR 1910.335(b)(1): Safety signs, safety symbols, or accident prevention tags were not used where necessary to warn employees about electrical hazards which could endanger them, as required by 29 CFR 1910.145:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC): On June 2, 2010, and at times prior thereto, safety signs, safety symbols or accident prevention tags were not provided on the outside covers of electrical equipment such as, but not limited to, FSM 1000 Power Control Cabinet, conveyors and dumpster control units, electrical service panels, switches, motor control center, and electrical circuits, to warn employees about electrical hazards when they were required to examine, make adjustments, service, test or perform maintenance while the equipment was energized. The employees were exposed to electrical shock and arc/blast hazards.

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**ABATEMENT VERIFICATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED**

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#### Citation 3 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Other**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(5)(ii)(B): Lockout and tagout devices were not standardized within the facility in at least one of the following criteria: color; shape; or size:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC): On June 2, 2010 and at times prior thereto, throughout the establishment, maintenance department employees were not provided with locks at least meeting the criteria for standardized locks by color, shape, or size which would clearly identify the lock as a component of the lockout and tagout program. Employees were potentially exposed to electrical shock, arc flash, and arc blast.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:	12/14/2010
Proposed Penalty:	\$ 0.00

#### Citation 3 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Other**

29 CFR 1910.303(e)(1)(i): Electric equipment was used without labels being placed on the equipment with the manufacturer's name, trademark, or descriptive marking to identify the organization responsible for the product, and with other markings giving voltage, current, wattage, or other ratings, as necessary:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), throughout the facility: On June 2, 2010, and at times prior thereto, safety disconnects, electrical panels, and equipment were not clearly marked with manufacturer's name, trademark, or descriptive marking to identify important information in the event of an emergency.

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**Citation 3 Item 3** Type of Violation: **Other**

29 CFR 1910.303(e)(1)(ii): Other markings giving voltage, current, wattage, or other rating as necessary were not identified:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), throughout the facility: On June 2, 2010, and at times prior thereto, safety disconnects, electrical panels, and equipment were not clearly marked with voltage, current, and wattage. Employees are not able to determine appropriate PPE requirements when such information is not available.

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**Citation 3 Item 4** Type of Violation: **Other**

29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(i): The working space for equipment likely to require examination, adjustment, servicing, or maintenance while alive was less than indicated in Table S1:

- (a) U.S. Postal Service, Los Angeles International Service Center (ISC), throughout the facility: On June 2, 2010, and at times prior thereto, a transformer was permanently placed in front of the electrical service panel. The panel did not have adequate vertical clearance to allow uninterrupted access to the panel. Employees were exposed to serious physical injuries such as, but not limited to electrical shock, arc flash, and arc blast burns.

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

Proposed Penalty: \$ 0.00

*Van A. Howell*

Van A. Howell, CSP  
Area Director

## U.S. Department of Labor

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# INVOICE/ DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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**Inspection Site:** 5800 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90009  
**Issuance Date:** 11/18/2010

**Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number 314704180**

<b>Citation 1, Serious</b>	= \$	<b>25000.00</b>
<b>Citation 2, Willful</b>	= \$	<b>195000.00</b>
<b>Citation 3, Other</b>	= \$	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES</b>	= \$	<b>220000.00</b>

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To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly to this OSHA Office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: "DOL-OSHA". Please indicate OSHA's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions or conditions do not exist.

If a personal check is issued, it will be converted into an electronic fund transfer (EFT). This means that our bank will copy your check and use the account information on it to electronically debit your account for the amount of the check. The debit from your account will then usually occur within 24 hours and will be shown on your regular account statement. You will not receive your original check back. The bank will destroy your original check, but will keep a copy of it. If the EFT cannot be completed because of insufficient funds or closed account, the bank will attempt to make the transfer up to 2 times.

Pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 (Public Law 97-365) and regulations of the U.S. Department of Labor (29 CFR Part 20), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration is required to assess interest, delinquent charges, and administrative costs for the collection of delinquent penalty debts for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

**Interest.** Interest charges will be assessed at an annual rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on all penalty debt amounts not paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the date on which the debt amount becomes due and payable (penalty due date). The current interest rate is 4%. Interest will accrue from the date on which the penalty amounts (as proposed or adjusted) become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission (that is, 15 working days from your receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty), unless you

file a notice of contest. Interest charges will be waived if the full amount owed is paid within 30 calendar days of the final order.

**Delinquent Charges.** A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, a delinquent charge of six percent (6%) per annum will be assessed accruing from the date that the debt became delinquent.

**Administrative Costs.** Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.

Corrective action, taken by you for each alleged violation should be submitted to this office on or about the abatement dates indicated on the Citation and Notice of Penalty.

If the hazards itemized on this citation(s) are not abated/corrected and a follow-up inspection is conducted, your establishment may receive a Failure to Abate Citation for the uncorrected hazards with subsequent additional monetary penalties of up to thirty (30) times the original penalty amount of the uncorrected hazards.

**Published Information.** You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and citation activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to your inspection will be available 30 calendar days after the Citation Issuance Date. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at WWW.OSHA.GOV. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.

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Area Director

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