

FILE NAME: Firestone (FIRE)

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: OSHA inspection of Decatur plant citing 34 hazard categories including Asbestos shields in front of Curing Press [Ex. 933]



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Sec. 8(f) (1) of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. 651, provides as follows: Any employees or representative of employees who believe that a violation of a safety or health standard exists that threatens physical harm, or that an imminent danger exists, may request an inspection by giving notice to the Secretary or his authorized representative of such violation or danger. Any such notice shall be reduced to writing, shall set forth with reasonable particularity the grounds for the notice, and shall be signed by the employees or representative of employees, and a copy shall be provided the employer or his agent no later than at the time of inspection, except that, upon request of the person giving such notice, his name and the names of individual employees referred to therein shall not appear in such copy or on any record published, released, or made available pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. If upon receipt of such notification the Secretary determines there are reasonable grounds to believe that such violation or danger exists, he shall make a special inspection in accordance with the provisions of this section as soon as practicable, to determine if such violation or danger exists. If the Secretary determines there are no reasonable grounds to believe that a violation or danger exists he shall notify the employees or representative of the employees in writing of such determination.

NOTE: Section 11 (c) of the Act provides explicit protection for employees exercising their rights, including making safety and health complaints.

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The undersigned (check one)

☐ Employee ☒ Representative of Employees ☐ Other (specify) _____

believes that a violation at the following place of employment of an occupational safety or health standard exists which is a job safety or health hazard.

Employer's Name

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.

Employer's Address (Street)

2500 N. 22nd Street

(City)

Decatur

(State)

Illinois

(Zip Code)

62525

Telephone

(217) 428-2141

1. Kind of business

Tire Mfg.

2. Specify the particular building or worksite where the alleged violation is located, including address.

Whole plant area

3. Specify the name and phone number of employer's agent(s) in charge.

Mr. M. Yonas, Plant Manager 428-2141

4. Describe briefly the hazard which exists there including the approximate number of employees exposed to or threatened by such hazard.

1. Showers in the plant not adequate for the number of employees who work there.

1800 employees, 800 on first shift, 500 on second shift, 500 on third shift.

2. Locker rooms, wash rooms, break areas not kept clean and sanitary

3. In steam room, chemicals used in cleaning are toxic, burn eyes, nose and throat and cause coughing. Fumes drift into aisles, offices and maintenance shops.

4. Electrical junction boxed in Banburys, soap pumps open

5. In screws above Banbury, oil tank area, bucket elevator platform, carbon black, soap and other dust at least 6" deep

6. Rubber, dust and junk on catwalks in screw area and Banbury drying conveyor area pits are full of spilled material

7. In Cement House electrical equipment is not installed to conform to Code for seal off

8. In various transformer sub-stations polychlorinated biphenyls are heaped on floor; eg: #2 Cure, floor above oil house

9. Electrical cabinets not locked in Curing, Final, Dopers, Bias Cutting, Banburys and other areas

10. Open, exposed steam lines in Curing, Flap, Bladder and other areas in plant

11. Curing loader, electrical junction boxes and cracked and broken electrical leads are exposed to heat, steam and water

12. Water and oil standing in Flap Pit area

13. Oil leaks around Tire machines kept from spreading by using rags

14. Hoists in Tire Room are not fastened sufficiently and have fallen

15. Dopers 1-5 have no seals in explosion proof wiring

16. Explosion-proof conduit system on Dopers 3, 4, and 5 has been broken for months

17. Sand blasting equipment is not properly sealed and ventilated

18. Noise level in Final Inspection well above OSHA allowable limits, especially near TUDs and WSW grinders

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19. Battery charging area not adequately ventilated, acid content in air makes nose and throat sore.
20. Marker equipment at Trimmers in Final Inspection, wiring does not meet Code.
21. No ventilation for bench welding in Mold Shop
22. No proper guides for band saw in Mold Shop
23. Maintenance Shop, seal tight on Radial Drill broken
24. Stairways to 112 and 113 Banbury Drying conveyors have different pitches to the stairs causing tripping hazard
25. Supervisors have keys to open electrical panel boxes to try to reset or restart equipment even though they are not qualified to enter boxes.
26. Brake does not work on American lathe (middle size)
27. Leads on welder in Maintenance Shop do not meet Code.
28. Tools in Maintenance Tool Room are in poor condition
29. Asbestos shields in front of Curing Press
30. Supervisors start machinery that is tagged out while people are working on it
31. Dust level in Banbury's probably above allowable limits
32. #11 and 27 Banbury basements and pit areas are full of soap, rubber, trash, paper and water
33. Saw in Store Room has been sawed through frame
34. Fork lift trucks exceed speed limit and supervisors tell them to go faster. Reckless driving, double stacking of pallets, traveling too close together, not sounding horns at crossings. Curing and Final Depts. are worst areas, especially on 3 PM to 11PM shift

5. (a) To your knowledge is this condition being considered by any other Government agency, or has it been considered by any other Government agency?

Yes ☐

No ☐

5. (b) If yes, and you know, which Government agency?

6. Has this condition been brought to the attention of the employer?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Don't know ☐

7. Please indicate your desire:

☐ I do not want my name revealed to the employer.

☐ My name may be revealed to the employer.

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Signature _____ Date _____

Typed or Printed Name _____

Address (Street) _____ (City) _____

(State) _____ (Zip Code) _____ Telephone _____

If you are an authorized representative of _____
employees affected by this complaint, please
state the name of your organization and your title. _____