

U.S. Department of Labor

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Nashville Area Office
2002 Richard Jones Road
Suite C-205
Nashville, TN 37215



Reply to the Attention of:

May 1 1991

Westinghouse, Inc.
Steam Plant Road
Callatin, TN 37066

Dear Terry Perkins:

On 4/15/91, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) received a notice of safety and/or health hazard at your worksite at:

Callatin TN Steam Plant
Callatin, TN 37066

The specific nature of the alleged hazards is as follows:

1. Employees have been exposed to asbestos during the break down of turbines beginning in November 1989. Requirements of CFR 1926.58 were not implemented, such as, but not limited to monitoring, personal protective equipment, engineering controls, medical surveillance, and training.
2. Employees have not been provided with information and training on the hazardous chemicals in their work area. Material Safety Data Sheets are not available. There is no written program and chemicals are not properly labeled.

We have not determined whether the hazards, as alleged, exist at your workplace; and we do not intend to conduct an inspection at this time. However, since allegations of violations have been made, you are requested to investigate the alleged conditions and make any necessary corrections or modifications. Within 10 days of your receipt of this letter, please advise me in writing of the results of your investigation. Please provide any supporting documentation of your findings, including any applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs which you believe would be helpful, as well as a description of any corrective action you have taken or are in the process of taking, including photographs of the corrective action.

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The complainant involved has been advised of this preliminary response to the complaint of hazards and has been furnished a copy of this letter. Section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 provides protection for employees against discrimination because of their involvement in protected safety and health related activity.

This letter is not a citation or a notification of proposed penalty which, according to the OSH Act, may be issued only after an inspection or investigation of the workplace. If we do not receive a response from you within 12 calendar days or less indicating that appropriate action has been taken or that no hazard exists and why, an inspection may be conducted.

Please note, however, that OSHA selects for inspection a random sample of cases where we have received letters in which employers have indicated satisfactory corrective action. This policy has been established to ensure that employers have actually taken the action asserted in their letters.

Finally, any action taken by you in this matter will not automatically remove your workplace from the possibility of an unannounced inspection by duly authorized representatives of OSHA in accordance with routine scheduling procedures currently in effect.

In addition to its function of inspecting workplaces, the OSHA Area Office has been expanded to become a full service resource center, offering a wide range of safety and health related services in response to the needs of the working public, both employers and employees. These services include training and education, consultation, voluntary compliance programs and assistance in correcting hazards.

Your State offers OSHA consultation services, without charge, to assist you in resolving any occupational safety or health issue which you may face. To request the services, call or write your State consultation project at the following address:

Tennessee Department of Labor/OSHA
501 Union Building, Suite 300
Nashville, TN 37219 615-741-2793

You are requested to post a copy of this letter and your response to it where it will be readily accessible for review by all of your employees.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Area Office at the address in the letterhead. Your personal support and interest in the safety and health of your employees is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Sharon Rathff

for
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Area Director

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