

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF MARION)

BEFORE THE INDIANA OFFICE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW PROCEEDINGS,
SUBJECT TO THE ULTIMATE
AUTHORITY OF THE IOSHA BOARD OF
SAFETY REVIEW

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
COMMISSIONER OF LABOR,)
)
Complainant,)
)
v.)
)
AMAZON – FWA4)
AND ITS SUCCESSORS,)
)
Respondent.)

OALP CASE NO. DOL-2311-002790
BSR DOCKET NO. 23-047

AGREED ENTRY

The parties to the above-captioned proceeding, the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor (hereinafter “Complainant”) and Amazon – FWA4 (hereinafter “Respondent”), through their duly authorized representatives, desiring to enter into this Agreed Entry as final settlement of this matter, do hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

PART I.

1. From May 9, 2023, through July 25, 2023, authorized employees of the Indiana Department of Labor conducted an inspection at the Respondent’s worksite located at 9798 Smith Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46809.
2. On September 18, 2023, Complainant issued a Safety Order and Notification of Penalty (hereinafter “Safety Order”) resulting from Indiana Department of Labor Inspection No. 1668624 and alleging that Respondent had violated the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act (IC 22-8-1.1 *et seq.*) or the standards or rules thereunder. The Safety Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein.

3. On or about October 17, 2023, Respondent duly and timely petitioned for review of the Safety Order.

PART II.

4. The Safety Order consists of Safety Order 1, Item No. 1.

5. Safety Order 1, Item 1 alleges a "Serious" violation of IC 22-8-1.1 Section 2 for exposure to a struck-by hazard while operating a mobile elevated work platform and assesses a penalty of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7000).

6. The total assessed penalty for Safety Order 1 is Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7000).

PART III.

7. The Safety Order is hereby amended as follows.

8. Safety Order 1, Item 1 is upheld, but re-classified to "NonSerious" and retains the penalty originally cited.

9. The AGREED total penalty for all violations and all subparts thereunder, subject to this Agreed Entry, is Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7000).

10. In consideration for reclassification of the citation, Respondent has already completed the following enhanced abatement:

- a. Created a pendant operation procedure for all aerial lifts network-wide, including lifts other than the one involved in the accident and other facilities.
- b. Identified areas that may have a limited clearance like the one cited and visually marked with conspicuous signage and color-specific floor tape.
- c. One-man lifts (OMLs) were staged in strategic locations within the facility to eliminate the need to travel through the identified limited clearance areas wherever possible.

d. Re-trained OML operators and RME following implementation of the pendant operation procedure.

e. Contacted manufacturer (JLG) for safety consultation and authorization of the pendant operation procedure.

11. It is understood and agreed by the Respondent and Complainant that this Agreed Entry and attachments will constitute a final, enforceable OSHA Safety Order(s) and penalties for the purposes of the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Act ("Act").

12. Respondent confirms Complainant's right to re-inspect its workplaces, in accordance with the Act, and to verify abatement of the alleged violations.

13. Respondent hereby withdraws its petition for review previously filed in this matter, subject to the terms of this agreed entry.

PART IV.

14. Nothing contained in this Agreed Entry shall be construed to affect Complainant's interpretation of the Act or any standard or regulation enforced pursuant thereto or the applicable classification thereof.

15. Except for this agreement, and matters arising out of this agreement and any other subsequent IOSHA proceedings between the parties, none of the foregoing agreements, statements, findings, and actions taken by the Respondent shall be deemed an admission by Respondent of the allegations contained within the Safety Order(s) and Notification(s) of Penalty. The agreements, statements, findings, and actions taken herein are made in order to compromise and settle this matter economically and amicably, and they shall not be used for any other purpose, except as herein stated.

16. The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, clause or provision of

this Agreed Entry does not affect the remaining sections, subsections, clauses, or provisions of this Agreed Entry.

17. Respondent, upon full execution of this Agreed Entry, will post this Agreed Entry for three (3) working days or until abatement is completed, whichever period is longer, pursuant to Board of Safety Review Rules of Procedure, 615 IAC 1-2-18(b)(3)(C).

AGREED this 15th day of November 2023.

AMAZON - FWA4

By: Benjamin Patton
Printed: 11/9/2023
Title: Attorney

Approved as to Form:
By: Benjamin H. Patton
Benjamin H. Patton,
Counsel for Respondent

COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

By: Jeremy Galloway
Jeremy Galloway,
Director of Safety Compliance,
IOSHA

By: J. Anthony Hardman
J. Anthony Hardman,
Counsel for Complainant

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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 Indiana Department of Labor/IOSHA at the address shown above within fifteen (15) working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) or receipt by the employer of this Amended Safety Order and penalty.

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Safety Order and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: Amazon - FWA4
Inspection Site: 9798 Smith Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46809

Amended Safety Order 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

IC 22-8-1.1 Section 2: The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees, when employees are exposed to a struck-by hazard as follows:

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ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

October 12, 2023
\$7,000.00


Jeremy Galloway
IOSHA Director



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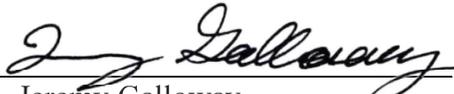
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ABATEMENT DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR THIS ITEM

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: October 12, 2023
Proposed Penalty: \$7,000.00


Jeremy Galloway
IOSHA Director



INVOICE/DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE

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