

Hazardous Chemicals/OSHA Enforcement: San Angelo, Texas Meat- Packing Plant Cited for Alleged Violations



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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) issued a May 6th news release stating that it had cited 7 S Packing LLC (“7 S”) for allegedly exposing workers to releases of hazardous chemicals.

7 S is stated to operate a facility known as Texas Packing Company in San Angelo, Texas.

OSHA states that it determined that the meat-packing facility failed to implement a required Process Safety Management Program for operating an ammonia refrigeration unit containing over 10,000 pounds of anhydrous ammonia. 7 S also allegedly failed to provide fall protection, guard machines and equipment, control hazardous energy, and implement a respiratory protection program.

Process Safety Management standards address the management of hazards associated with highly hazardous chemicals, and establish a management program that integrates technologies, procedures, and management practices to prevent an unexpected release.

OSHA has proposed \$615,640 in penalties.

A copy of the news release can be downloaded [here](#).