

OSHA Enforcement: Ohio Aluminum Manufacturer Cited for Alleged Violations



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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) issued a June 20th news release stating that it cited Ohio Gratings, Inc. (“OGI”) for alleged violations.

OGI is described as a manufacturer of aluminum, stainless steel, and carbon products and is based in Canton, Ohio.

The company allegedly exposed employees to respiratory, chemical, and other hazards.

A December 2018 inspection is stated to have been undertaken after receipt of a complaint that alleged poor ventilation and a lack of training on chemicals used at the facility. It was allegedly further determined that the company operated a dip tank containing flammable liquid without using:

- Proper draining
- Overflow piping
- Adequate ventilation
- Fire protection

OSHA states it cited OGI for:

- Failure to ensure employees used personal protective equipment
- Inadequate machine guarding
- Recordkeeping deficiencies
- Struck-by hazards
- Exposure of workers to flammable liquids

OSHA proposed penalties of \$183,748. It states OGI has contested the citations and penalties. As a result, the case will be heard by an Independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

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