

Lead/OSHA Enforcement: Frenchtown, New Jersey Painting/Wall Covering Contractor Proposed to be Assessed Penalty for Alleged Violations



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The United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) issued a July 24th news release stating that it had cited Scots Christopher Rule, LLC (“SCR”) for alleged violations involving the renovation and remodeling of a worksite in Easton, Pennsylvania.

The alleged violations are stated to have involved exposing workers to lead and other workplace hazards.

OSHA states that it initiated a follow-up inspection in February 2019 after SCR allegedly failed to provide proof of abatement related to a 2017 investigation. OSHA inspectors are stated to have cited the company with violations that included:

- Failure to provide employees with training and information concerning lead and hazardous chemicals
- Failure to conduct an initial determination to identify employees’ level of exposure to lead
- Failure to have a written lead compliance program
- Improper use of respirators

OSHA is stated conducted a second inspection and determined that SCR exposed employees operating aerial lifts to fall hazards.

OSHA is proposing a civil penalty of \$104,637.

SCR has 15 business days from receipt of the citations and proposed penalties to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA’s Area Director, or contest the findings before the Independent Occupational Safety and Health Commission.

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