

OSHA Enforcement: Houston, Texas, Glass Recycling Company Proposed Penalty Assessment



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The United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) issued a September 13th news release and link to a Citation and Notification of Penalty for Strategic Materials, Inc., d/b/a Strategic Materials (“Strategic”).

Strategic is described as a recycled glass contractor based in Houston, Texas.

The Citation and Notification of Penalty states that an OSHA inspection took place following a March 9, 2023, complaint. See Inspection No. 1655540.

OSHA is stated to have identified serious violations, one willful violation, and three repeat violations related to the following safety failures:

- Not having required lockout/tagout procedures in place.
- Exposing employees to fall hazards.
- Not enclosing sprocket wheels and chains.
- Allowing unguarded projecting shaft ends.

OSHA has proposed \$370,995 in penalties.

Strategic has 15 days from receipt of the Citation and Notification of Penalty to comply, request an informal conference with OSHA’s Area Director, or contest the findings before the Independent Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

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