

OSHA Enforcement: Proposed Penalties Addressing National Tank Cleaning Company for Alleged Violations



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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (“OSHA”) issued an October 23rd news release stating that it has cited Trimac Transportation, Inc. (“TTI”) for alleged violations.

TTI is stated to operate as National Tank Services.

TTI is described in the news release as a national tank cleaning company.

The news release provides that two TTI employees are stated to have suffered injuries when exposed to hydrogen sulfide. The gas is stated to have been present during the cleaning process of a tanker truck on April 25th in Beaumont, Texas.

OSHA alleges that the company:

- Failed to provide adequate respiratory protection
- Did not evaluate the worksite for possible respiratory hazards
- Did not monitor employees for exposure to other substances
- Failed to provide workers with appropriate respirators
- Did not conduct respiratory fit testing
- Failed to provide protective clothing, eye, face, and hand protection
- Did not label containers
- Failed to provide injury and illness logs to OSHA within four business hours

OSHA has proposed penalties of \$399,349.

The company has 15 days from receipt of citations and penalties 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 downloaded [here](#).