

U.S. Department of Labor

Occupational Safety and Health Administration
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Notice of Unsafe or Unhealthful Working Conditions

To:
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Connecticut
Healthcare System
950 Campbell Avenue
West Haven, CT 06516

Inspection Number: 1067181
Inspection Date(s): 06/02/2015 - 11/19/2015
Issuance Date: 12/01/2015

Inspection Site:
950 Campbell Avenue
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The violation(s) described in this Notice is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below

This Notice of Unsafe and Unhealthful Working Conditions (Notice) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the Executive Order 12196, and 29 CFR 1960, Basic Program Elements for Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health Programs and Related Matters. You must abate the violations referred to in this Notice by the dates listed unless, within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Notice you request an Informal Conference with the US Department of Labor OSHA Area Office at the address shown above. Please refer to the enclosed publication "Federal Employer Rights and Responsibilities Following an OSHA Inspection" which outlines the appeals procedure for this Notice and which should be read in conjunction with this form.

Posting – The law requires that a copy of this Notice be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Notice must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer.

Notification of Corrective Action – For each violation which you do not appeal, you must provide abatement certification to the Area Director of the OSHA office issuing the Notice and identified above. This abatement certification is to be provided by letter within 10 calendar days after each abatement date. Abatement certification includes the date and method of abatement. If the Notice indicates that the violation was corrected during the inspection, no abatement certification is required for that item. The abatement certification letter must

be posted at the location where the violation appeared and the corrective action took place or employees must otherwise be effectively informed about abatement activities. A template abatement certification letter is enclosed with this Notice. In addition, where the Notice indicates that abatement documentation is required, evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photographs or video, receipts, training records, etc., verifying that abatement has occurred is required to be provided to the Area Director.

Program Responsibilities - Section 19(a)(1) of the OSH Act requires the head of each Federal agency to comply with applicable occupational safety and health standards. The intent of this section and Executive Order 12196 is implemented through 29 CFR 1960.8(b). If you are cited for violations of applicable safety and health standards, you have also violated the program element 29 CFR 1960.8(b), which stipulates:

“The head of each agency shall comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards applicable to the agency.”

Informal Conference – An informal conference is not required. However, if you wish to have such a conference you may request one with the Area Director within 15 working days after receipt of this Notice. As soon as the time, date, and place of the informal conference have been determined please complete the enclosed “Notice to Employees” and post it where the Notice is posted. During such an informal conference you may present any evidence or views you believe would support an adjustment to the Notice. In addition, bring to the conference any and all supporting documentation of existing conditions as well as any abatement steps taken thus far.

If you are considering a request for an informal conference to discuss any issues related to the Notice, you must take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to appeal after the informal conference should you decide to do so. Please keep in mind that a written letter of intent to appeal must be submitted by the Agency’s National OSH Manager to the OSHA Area Director within 15 business days of your receipt of the OSHA Notice to request that OSHA’s Regional Administrator review the case.

Inspection Activity Data – You should be aware that OSHA publishes information on its inspection and notice activity on the Internet under the provisions of the Electronic Freedom of Information Act. The information related to these alleged violations will be posted when our system indicates that you have received this notice. You are encouraged to review the information concerning your establishment at www.OSHA.gov. If you have any dispute with the accuracy of the information displayed, please contact this office.



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

An informal conference has been scheduled with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to discuss the Notice of Unsafe or Unhealthful Working Conditions (Notice) issued on 12/01/2015. The conference will be held by telephone or at the OSHA office located at Brien McMahon Federal Building, 915 Lafayette Boulevard, Room 309, Bridgeport, CT 06604 on _____ at _____. Employees and/or representatives of employees have a right to attend an informal conference.

CERTIFICATION OF CORRECTIVE ACTION WORKSHEET – FEDERAL AGENCIES

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Employer Instruction: List the specific method of correction for each item on the enclosed notices that does not read “Corrected During Inspection” and return to: **U.S. Department of Labor – Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Brien McMahon Federal Building, 915 Lafayette Boulevard, Room 309, Bridgeport, CT 06604.** Failure to submit a timely certification of corrective action may result in a notification to your agency DASHO.

Notice Number _____ and Item Number _____ was corrected on _____
By (Method of Abatement): _____

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I certify that the information contained in this document is accurate and that the affected employees and their representatives have been informed of the abatement.

Signature

Date

Title

NOTE: 29 USC 666(g) whoever knowingly makes any false statements, representation or certification in any application, record, plan or other documents filed or required to be maintained pursuant to the Act shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 6 months or both.

POSTING: A copy of completed Corrective Action Worksheet should be posted for employee review.

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Notice 1 Item 1a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(1): All places of employment, passageways, storerooms or service rooms were not kept clean and orderly or in a sanitary condition.

Location: Building #5, Tunnel Area, outside room CB26, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

Water leaks, along with a metal bucket used to catch water from the leaks, exposed employees to slipping and tripping hazards while walking through the basement tunnel area.

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Notice 1 Item 1b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(2): Floor(s) of workroom(s) were not maintained in a clean and, so far as possible, a dry condition:

Location: Building #1, 9th Floor, Room 9 166, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

A constant air conditioning leak caused either water to accumulate on the floor or employees to maintain a large bucket directly in the middle of the doorway which exposed employees to slipping and tripping hazards.

Date by which Violation must be Abated: 12/28/2015

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Notice 1 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.212(a)(3)(ii): Point(s) of operation of machinery were not guarded to prevent employee(s) from having any part of their body in the danger zone(s) during operating cycle(s):

Location: Building #2, Ground Floor, Room G142 EMS Supply Storage / Labor Department, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

The DeWALT DW713 cut off saw which was being used with an abrasive blade to cut metal had a broken hood guard that did not adjust to cover the un-used portion of the blade.

Date by which Violation must be Abated: 12/11/2015



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Notice 1 Item 3 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.303(f)(2): Each service, feeder, and branch circuit, at its disconnecting means or overcurrent device, was not legibly marked to indicate its purpose, nor located and arranged so the purpose was evident:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

a) Building #24, 1st Floor:

The Federal Electric Products 120/208 volt electrical panel (24-PL-1) was not adequately marked to indicate the purpose of its branch circuits.

b) Building #24, 1st Floor:

The Federal Electric Products 120/208 volt electrical distribution panel (24-LP-1) was not adequately marked to indicate the purpose of its branch circuits

c) Electric Shop:

The General Electric 120/208 volt electrical distribution panel Bus:15-Elec Shop was not adequately marked to indicate the purpose of its branch circuits.

d) Building #2, Ground Floor, Room #139:

The two Westinghouse 120/208 volt electrical distribution panels (P-SG-E4 and P-SG-E3) were not adequately marked to indicate the purpose of their branch circuits.

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e) Building #2, Ground Floor, Room G141:

The Westinghouse 277/480 volt electrical distribution panel (LH-B1-EIB2) was not adequately marked to indicate the purpose of the branch circuits.

The Cutter-Hamer 120/208 volt electrical distribution panel (NL/BI/ED/B2) was not adequately marked to indicate the purpose of the branch circuits.

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Notice 1 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.305(a)(2)(x): 29 CFR 1910.305(a)(2)(x): Flexible cords and cables were not protected from accidental damage, as might be caused, for example, by sharp corners, projections, and doorways or other pinch points:

Location: Building #1, Ground Floor, Shipping and Receiving Department, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

The two electrical extension cords which were used to charge the powered industrial trucks were damaged and had their energized conductors exposed.

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Notice 1 Item 5 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.333(a)(1): Live parts to which an employee was exposed were not de-energized before the employee worked on or near them:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

a) Building #1, 1st Floor, Outside room 1 104:

The energized electrical circuit for an emergency exit sign, which was in the process of being removed, had not been de-energized prior to the employee performing work.

b) Building #1, Sub Ground, Mechanical Room 177:

The energized electrical control box for the "Sewer Ejector Pump below SPS" was not de-energized before employees opened the box and worked with in close proximity to the live electrical parts.

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Notice 1 Item 6 Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1200(f)(8): The employer did not sure that all portable containers of hazardous chemicals were being stored and used for extended periods of time were adequately labeled:

Location: Building #1, Sub-ground, Mailroom, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

A small clear bottle of yellow liquid was not labeled to indicate the contents of the container.

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Notice 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.23(c)(1) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Open-sided floors and/or platforms four feet or more above adjacent floor or ground level were not guarded with standard railings (or equivalent) and toeboards:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

a) Building #1, Sub Ground, Mechanical Room 177:

The 115 inch long by 98 inch wide mechanical pit with fall hazard of between 5 feet 8 inches and 9 feet deep was not protected by an adequate guardrail system.

b) Building 1, Sub Ground, Mechanical Room 177:

The 80 inch long by 60 inch wide mechanical pit with a fall hazard of approximately feet 8 inches was not protected by an adequate guardrail system.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region I for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.23(c)(1), in OSHA Inspection Number 315235960, Notice Number 01, Item Number 02, issued August 9, 2011 with respect to workplace located at 950 Campbell Ave in West Haven, CT. The final order date for the citation was September 21, 2011.

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Notice 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.36(d)(1) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Employee(s) were not able to open an exit route door from the inside at all times without keys, tools, or special knowledge:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

a) Building #2, Ground Floor, Room G139A:

The rear emergency exit door was locked and required a specific key in order to open.

b) Building #11, 1st Floor:

The rear emergency exit door from the kitchen area was dead bolted shut and required special knowledge in order to open it.

c) Building #5, 2nd Floor, Virology Laboratory:

The single exit from the Virology Lab was locked with a dead bolt type lock and required special knowledge for anyone needing to exit from this area.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region IX for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.36(d)(1), in OSHA Inspection Number 678158, Notice Number 01, Item Number 1, issued April 5, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 3801 Miranda Ave in Palo Alto, CA. The final order date for the citation was May 17, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 3a Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.36(g)(2) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Exit access(es) were not at least 28 inches (71.1 cm) wide at all points.

Location: Building #2, 7th Floor, Laboratory Room 27 227, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

The designated emergency exit route from the laboratory was obstructed by several large refrigerators and did not allow at least 28 inches of clearance.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region IX for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.36(g)(2), in OSHA Inspection Number 678158, Notice Number 03, Item Number 01, issued April 5, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 3801 Miranda Ave in Palo Alto, CA. The final order date for the citation was May 17, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 3b Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.37(a)(3) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Exit route(s) were not kept free and unobstructed:

Location: Building #12, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

The second floor exit door was blocked by two stationary office chairs and a large pallet.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region IX for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.37(a)(3), in OSHA Inspection Number 678158, Notice Number 03, Item Number 02, issued April 5, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 3801 Miranda Ave in Palo Alto, CA. The final order date for the citation was May 17, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 4 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.37(b)(2) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Each exit was not clearly visible and marked by a sign reading "Exit":

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a) Building #22 (Paint Shop):

The single emergency exit from the Paint Shop was not marked to indicate that it was an emergency exit.

b) Building #2, TB VSO 3 Laboratory

The designated emergency exit from the Laboratory was not marked EXIT with an adequate EXIT sign.

c) Building #1, Pharmacy:

The rear emergency exit was not clearly marked EXIT in a legible sign that was at least 6 inches high.

d) Building #16 (Boiler Plant):

The back hallway emergency exit was not clearly marked EXIT in a legible sign that was at least 6 inches high.

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Notice 2 Item 5a Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(i) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Procedures were not developed, documented and utilized for the control of potentially hazardous energy when employees were engaged in activities covered by this section:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

Specific written procedures were not developed and utilized for the control of potentially hazardous energy.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region I for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(i), in OSHA Inspection Number 788901, Notice Number 03, Item Number 02a, issued June 11, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 200 Springs Road in Bedford, MA. The final order date for the citation was July 11, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 5b Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(ii) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Procedures did not clearly and specifically outline the scope, purpose, authorization, rules, and techniques to be utilized for the control of hazardous energy, and the means to enforce compliance including, but not limited to, 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(ii)(A), (c)(4)(ii)(B), (c)(4)(ii)(C) and (c)(4)(ii)(D):

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The written energy control procedure did not clearly and specifically outline the scope, purpose, authorization, rules and techniques to be followed for the control of hazardous energy.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region I for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(i), in OSHA Inspection Number 788901, Notice Number 03, Item Number 02a, issued June 11, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 200 Springs Road in Bedford, MA. The final order date for the citation was July 11, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 5c Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.147(f)(3)(ii)(D) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Each authorized employee did not affix a personal lockout or tagout device to the group lockout device before working on the machine or equipment:

Location: Building #1, Dialysis, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

Each authorized employee did not affix a lockout device while performing a group lockout.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region I for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(4)(i), in OSHA Inspection Number 788901, Notice Number 03, Item Number 02a, issued June 11, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 200 Springs Road in Bedford, MA. The final order date for the citation was July 11, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 6a Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6)(i) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): The employer did not conduct a periodic inspection of the energy control procedure at least annually to ensure that the procedure and the requirement of this standard were being followed:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

An annual inspection and review of each energy control procedure was not conducted at least yearly.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region II for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(6), in OSHA Inspection Number 315752170, Notice Number 01, Item Number 07b, issued June 7, 2012 with respect to workplace located at 113 Holland Ave in Albany, NY. The final order date for the citation was August 1, 2012.

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Notice 2 Item 6b Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7)(i)(B) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Affected employees were not instructed in the purpose and use of the energy control procedure:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

Adequate training was not provided in the purpose and use of the specific energy control procedures.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region I for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.147(c)(7), in OSHA Inspection Number 315235960, Notice Number 01, Item Number 04b, issued August 9, 2011 with respect to workplace located at 950 Campbell Ave in West Haven, CT. The final order date for the citation was September 21, 2011.

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Notice 2 Item 7a Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.212(b) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Machine(s) designed for fixed location(s) were not securely anchored to prevent walking or moving:

Location: Building #15, Basement, Locksmith Shop, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

The Baldor bench grinder which was equipped with a 5 inch abrasive wheel was not anchored or secured in place.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region I for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.212(b), in OSHA Inspection Number 788901, Notice Number 03, Item Number 04, issued June 11, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 200 Springs Road in Bedford, MA. The final order date for the citation was July 11, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 7b Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.215(a)(4) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Work rest(s) on grinding machinery were not adjusted closely to the wheel with a maximum opening of one eighth inch:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

a) Building #15, Basement, Locksmith Shop:

The Baldor bench grinder which was equipped with a 5 inch abrasive wheel did not have the work rest adjusted to 1/8th of an inch to the surface of the abrasive wheel.

b) Building #21, Carpentry/Plumbing/HVAC Shop:

The Ryobi 8 inch bench grinder, model BGH837, was not equipped with a work rest.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region II for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.215(a)(4), in OSHA Inspection Number 315752170, Notice Number 01, Item Number 07A, issued June 7, 2012 with respect to workplace located at 113 Holland Ave in Albany, NY. The final order date for the citation was August 1, 2012.

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Notice 2 Item 7c Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.215(b)(9) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): The distance between the abrasive wheel periphery(s) and the adjustable tongue or the end of the safety guard peripheral member at the top exceeded one fourth inch:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

a) Building #15, Basement, Locksmith Shop:

The Baldor bench grinder which was equipped with a 5 inch abrasive wheel did not have the tongue guard adjusted to within 1/4 inch of the surface of the abrasive wheel.

b) Building #21, Carpentry/Plumbing/HVAC Shop:

The tongue guard on the Ryobi 8 inch bench grinder, model BGH837, was not adjusted to within at least 1/4 inch of the surface of the grinding wheel.

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Notice 2 Item 8 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.303(b)(2) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Listed or labeled electrical equipment was not used or installed in accordance with instructions included in the listing or labeling:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

a) Building #1, 9th Floor, Room 112:

The two Relocatable Power Taps were not being used in accordance with their listing and labeling.

b) Basement Tunnel Area, Outside Electric Shop:

The cover of the Westinghouse 120/208 volt electrical distribution panel was installed using duct tape along the top of the panel and not effectively closed and bolted along the bottom.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region IX for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.305(g)(1)(iv)(a), in OSHA Inspection Number 678158, Notice Number 01, Item Number 11, issued April 5, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 3801 Miranda Ave in Palo Alto, CA. The final order date for the citation was May 17, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 9 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1)(ii) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): The required working space about electric equipment rated 600 volts, nominal, or less to ground, was used for storage:

Location: Building #21, Plumbing/HVAC Shop, 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

The 120/208 volt electrical disconnect panel, labeled Shop Panel 2, was blocked by a several large cabinets and a large welding screen.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region I for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.303(g)(1), in OSHA Inspection Number 788901, Notice Number 03, Item Number 08, issued June 11, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 200 Springs Road in Bedford, MA. The final order date for the citation was July 11, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 10 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.305(b)(1)(ii) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Unused openings in boxes, cabinets, or fittings were not effectively closed:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

a) Building #24, 1st Floor:

The energized 4 gang metal junction box had a knockout which was missing and exposed employees to the live electrical parts inside.

b) Building #24, Basement Storage:

The Square D 240 volt electrical panel (Bld 24-B) had 11 open spaces in the panel which exposed employees to the live electrical parts inside.

c) Building #1, Sub Ground, Room 109:

The General Electric 277/480 volt electrical distribution panel CH-LC7-1 had an open space on the front of the panel which exposed employees to the live electrical parts inside.

d) Building #2, Ground Floor, Mechanical Room 139:

The Westinghouse 120/208 volt electrical distribution panel (P-SG-E3) had three $\frac{3}{4}$ inch openings on the front of the panel cover that were not effectively closed.

The Department of Veterans Affairs was previously cited in Region I for a violation of this Occupational Safety and Health standard or its equivalent standard 29 CFR 1910.305(b)(1)(ii), in OSHA Inspection Number 788901, Notice Number 03, Item Number 09A, issued June 11, 2013 with respect to workplace located at 200 Springs Road in Bedford, MA. The final order date for the citation was July 11, 2013.

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Notice 2 Item 11 Type of Violation: **Repeat**

29 CFR 1910.305(g)(1)(iv)(A) as required by 29 CFR 1960.8(b): Flexible cords and/or cables were used as a substitute for the fixed wiring of a structure:

Location: 950 Campbell Avenue, West Haven, CT 06516

a) Building #1, 9th Floor, Room 112:

The yellow extension cord which was used to power two re-locatable power strips and several tools and a refrigerator was being used in place of fixed permanent wiring.

b) Building #1, Ground Floor, Shipping and Receiving Department:

The two electrical extension cords which were used to charge the forklift and motorized pallet jacks had been looped and tied around a section of duct work on the ceiling and were being used in place of permanent wiring.

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c) Building #1, Sub Ground, Room SPSG182:

Numerous yellow extension cords were being used in place of permanent wiring to power several permanently installed overhead fluorescent lights.

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Robert Kowalski

Area Director