

State of New Mexico
 Environment Department
 Occupational Health and Safety Bureau
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Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
 Bluebonnet Labs
 AND ITS SUCCESSORS
 7510 Montgomery Boulevard Northeast, Suite 201
 Albuquerque, NM 87109

Inspection Number: 1699899
Inspection Date(s): 09/27/2023-09/27/2023
Issuance Date: 03/26/2024

Inspection Site:
 7510 Montgomery Boulevard Northeast, Suite 201
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The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty 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 Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty you mail a notice of contest to the Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau at the address shown above. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

Posting-The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty 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 of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation 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. The penalty dollar amounts need not be posted and may be marked out or covered up prior to posting.

Informal Conference- An informal conference is not required. However, at the request of an employer, affected employee, or representative of employees, the Bureau Chief or the Bureau Chiefs designee may hold an informal conference. At this conference any issues raised by an inspection, citation, proposed penalty, proposed petition for modification of abatement date or proposed petition for variance may be discussed. If you intend to request an informal conference, take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference discussion, should you decide to do so.

When the conference is requested by an employer, an affected employee or representative shall be afforded an opportunity to participate, at the discretion of the Bureau Chief or Bureau Chiefs designee. When the conference is requested by an employee or representative of employees, the employer shall be afforded an opportunity to participate, at the discretion of the Bureau Chief or Bureau Chiefs designee.

The request for an informal conference and the informal conference meeting shall not extend or modify in any manner:

- 1) an abatement date established in the citation;
- 2) the deadline for an employer to file a notice of contest;
- 3) any other filing deadline related to the citation; or
- 4) any matter pending before the bureau.

Once an employer files a notice of contest, a petition for modification of the abatement date, a request for a commission hearing, a petition for variance, or other filing with the Occupational Health and Safety Review Commission or the Environment Department, the opportunity for an informal conference is no longer available.

Right to Contest- You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Bureau Chief in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency. It is recommended that the Notice of Contest be filed via "Certified Mail".

Penalty Payment- Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to the Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau. Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Notification of Corrective Action - For violations which you do not contest, you should notify the Occupational Health and Safety Bureau (OHSB) that each cited violation has been abated. To certify abatement, you should complete the "Description of Corrective Action Taken" box which follows each citation and sign the statement on the last citation page. You are not required to certify abatement if the compliance officer observed that abatement has occurred during the on-site inspection. The citation may indicate that you should submit additional documentation such as photographs, purchase orders, copies of written programs, etc. Failure to return all completed forms and documents to the Program Manager no later than 10 days after the abatement date may result in additional penalties.

You are also required to inform your employees about abatement activities by posting a copy of each document submitted to OHSB or a summary of the document near the place where the violation occurred. Documents must remain posted for 3 working days after submission to OHSB.

Employer Discrimination Unlawful- The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau at the address shown above.

Notice to Employees - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Please note that your facility will appear on the Department's Enforcement Watch as a result of this Citation and Notification of Penalty (see: <https://www.env.nm.gov/enforcement-watch/>). Further, the Department will issue a press release to local media highlighting your facility as appearing on this webpage. Your facility will remain on the Enforcement Watch website as an active matter until this matter is fully resolved, including the payment of the assessed civil penalty.

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Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Serious**

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.22(a)(3): (3) Walking-working surfaces are maintained free of hazards such as sharp or protruding objects, loose boards, corrosion, leaks, spills, snow, and ice.

On or about September 27, 2023, in the sample and testing room of Bluebonnet Labs, employees were exposed to trip hazards from unglued vinyl flooring. The employer did not ensure that the vinyl flooring was secured to prevent floor tiles from moving.

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Date Corrected:

Describe Corrective Action:

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

April 19, 2024

Proposed Penalty:

\$2,100.00

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

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.134(c)(2)(i): An employer may provide respirators at the request of employees or permit employees to use their own respirators, if the employer determines that such respirator use will not in itself create a hazard. If the employer determines that any voluntary respirator use is permissible, the employer shall provide the respirator users with the information contained in Appendix D to this section ("Information for Employees Using Respirators When Not Required Under the Standard");

On or about September 27, 2023, employees of Bluebonnet Labs were permitted voluntary use of respirators due to potential inhalation of chemical fumes from the cannabis potency testing conducted onsite. The employer did not provide the employees with Appendix D which contains information related to involuntary use of respiratory protection.

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

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.151(c): Where the eyes or body of any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided within the work area for immediate emergency use.

[63 FR 33450, June 18, 1998]

On or about September 27, 2023, Bluebonnet Labs, did not provide adequate eye wash stations in the laboratory where employees use concentrated nitric acid to conduct cannabis potency testing. Employees were exposed to the hazards of chemical burns from working with corrosive chemicals during daily potency testing activities.

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Date Corrected:

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Proposed Penalty:

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

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.1200(f)(6)(ii): Product identifier and words, pictures, symbols, or combination thereof, which provide at least general information regarding the hazards of the chemicals, and which, in conjunction with the other information immediately available to employees under the hazard communication program, will provide employees with the specific information regarding the physical and health hazards of the hazardous chemical.

On or about September 27, 202, Bluebonnet Labs did not provide proper labeling on a secondary container with hazardous chemicals used in the heavy metals rooms by potency testing chemist. Employees are exposed to unknown chemical hazards while using nitric acid from an unlabeled secondary container during the potency testing process.

PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

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Proposed Penalty:

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\$3,750.00

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

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.1450(e)(3)(iii): A requirement that fume hoods and other protective equipment are functioning properly and specific measures that shall be taken to ensure proper and adequate performance of such equipment;

On or about September 27, 2023, in the Heavy Metals Room of Bluebonnet Labs, employees were exposed to respiratory hazards from utilizing an uninstalled fume hood to conduct laboratory tasks such as but not limited to pouring nitric acid from a larger container to a smaller container to conduct cannabis potency tests. The employer did not ensure that the fume hood was working as intended or that employees had proper respiratory protection.

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Citation 2 Item 1 a Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.157(e)(2): Portable extinguishers or hose used in lieu thereof under paragraph (d)(3) of this section shall be visually inspected monthly.

On or about September 27, 2023, Bluebonnet Labs did not conduct the monthly inspection of portable fire extinguisher located in the break room.

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Citation 2 Item 1 b Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.157(e)(3): The employer shall assure that portable fire extinguishers are subjected to an annual maintenance check. Stored pressure extinguishers do not require an internal examination. The employer shall record the annual maintenance date and retain this record for one year after the last entry or the life of the shell, whichever is less. The record shall be available to the Assistant Secretary upon request.

On or about September 27, 2023, Bluebonnet Labs did not conduct the annual inspection of portable fire extinguisher located in the employee break room.

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Citation 2 Item 2 Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.303(e)(1)(ii): Other markings giving voltage, current, wattage, or other ratings as necessary.

On or about September 27, 2023, Bluebonnet Labs did not provide electrical service ratings on one electrical panel. Markings giving voltage were not found on one electrical panel of circuit breakers in the sample storage room, exposing employees to potential electrical hazards.

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\$0.00

I attest that all corrective actions contained in this document are accurate and affected employees have been informed of the abatement.

Signature

Date

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Pursuant to the New Mexico Environment Department Delegation Order dated February 19, 2024, the Cabinet Secretary has delegated the authority to issue this Citation and Notification of Penalty to the Occupational Health and Safety Program Manager.

DocuSigned by:

Gregory Marquez

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Gregory J. Marquez, Program Manager

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INVOICE

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Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1699899

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$2,100.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$2,100.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Serious	\$4,663.00
Citation 1 Item 4, Serious	\$3,750.00
Citation 1 Item 5, Serious	\$4,663.00
Citation 2 Item 1a, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00
Citation 2 Item 1b, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00
Citation 2 Item 2, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: **\$17,276.00**

Please remit payment promptly to this office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau. Please indicate OHSB's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

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Gregory Marquez

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Gregory J. Marquez, Program Manager

Date