

State of New Mexico
 Environment Department
 Occupational Health and Safety Bureau
 525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 3
 Santa Fe NM 87505
 Phone: (505) 476-8700 Fax: (505) 476-8734



Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:
 H.F. Sinclair

Inspection Number: 1858765

Inspection Date(s): 11/03/2025-11/04/2025

AND ITS SUCCESSORS
 501 E. Main Street
 Artesia, NM 88210

Issuance Date: 04/30/2026

Inspection Site:
 501 E. Main Street
 Artesia, NM 88210

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 Chief's 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". For more information on contest procedures, please visit our website: https://www.env.nm.gov/occupational_health_safety

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.

State of New Mexico
 Environment Department
 Occupational Health and Safety Bureau



525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 3
 Santa Fe NM 87505
 87505
 Phone: (505) 476-8700 Fax: (505) 476-8734

Inspection Number: 1858765
Inspection Date(s): 11/03/2025-11/04/2025
Issuance Date: 04/30/2026

Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: H.F. Sinclair
Inspection Site: 501 E. Main Street Artesia, NM 88210

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

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.119(j)(3): The employer did not train each employee involved in maintaining the on-going integrity of process equipment in an overview of that process and its hazards and in the procedures applicable to the employee's job tasks to assure that the employee can perform the job tasks in a safe manner.

On or about October 31, 2025, in Unit 34 (Mild Hydrocracker Unit), the employer did not ensure that employees were trained and competent in the proper installation of impulse-line tubing into a compression fitting on the high-pressure MHC recycle line, resulting in an improper assembly and subsequent release of Gas-Oil which caused a release of hot hydrocarbon which rapidly vaporized and ignited resulting in the injury to 3 Brand Safway subcontracted employees that were setting up scaffolds in that same area. The employees who installed the tubing had not been adequately trained to recognize correct tubing insertion depth, ferrule engagement, or torque requirements necessary to ensure the mechanical integrity of the connection.

In the alternative:

11.5.1.16 NMAC

50-9-5.A NMSA 1978: The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which was free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to the release of (HF Sinclair Gas Oils {petroleum} Heavy Vacuum, Product #002D4483) due to insufficient training of employees/technicians who assembled the compression fittings to verify the correct assembly of compression fittings.

On or about 10/31/2026, Brand Safway subcontracted employees were erecting scaffolds beneath a main feed line containing Gas-Oil when steam was released from a Swagelok. The Gas-Oil, which auto-ignites in the presence of oxygen, caused a flash fire that burned and injured 3 of the subcontracted employees. Interviews show that Gas-Oil released vapors and ignited, which created a fire, thereby exposing the subcontracting employees to hazards associated with flash fires.

One feasible method of abatement would be to have a QA Process in place and have employees/technicians trained in the proper assembly of compression fittings as recommended by the American Petroleum Institute (API) publication 510, Pressure Vessel Inspection Code: In-Service Inspection, Rating, Repair and Alteration,

State of New Mexico
Environment Department
Occupational Health and Safety Bureau



525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 3
Santa Fe NM 87505
87505
Phone: (505) 476-8700 Fax: (505) 476-8734

Inspection Number: 1858765
Inspection Date(s): 11/03/2025-11/04/2025
Issuance Date: 04/30/2026

Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: H.F. Sinclair
Inspection Site: 501 E. Main Street Artesia, NM 88210

Tenth Edition, May 2014. Section 6.6.2.2 states: "Each repair organization shall also have a fully documented training program that shall ensure that repair personnel are qualified with the scope of repairs."

PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:

Describe Corrective Action:

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

May 19, 2026
\$17,001.00

State of New Mexico
 Environment Department
 Occupational Health and Safety Bureau



525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 3
 Santa Fe NM 87505
 87505
 Phone: (505) 476-8700 Fax: (505) 476-8734

Inspection Number: 1858765
Inspection Date(s): 11/03/2025-11/04/2025
Issuance Date: 04/30/2026

Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: H.F. Sinclair
Inspection Site: 501 E. Main Street Artesia, NM 88210

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

11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.119(j)(4)(i): Inspections and tests were not performed on process equipment.

On or about October 31, 2025, in Unit 34 (Mild Hydrocracker Unit), the employer did not ensure that employees performed inspections and tests on the high-pressure MHC recycle line or to verify the correct assembly of compression fittings, resulting in an improper assembly and subsequent release of Gas-Oil which caused a release of hot hydrocarbon which rapidly vaporized and ignited resulting in the injury to 3 Brand Safway subcontracted employees that were setting up scaffolds in that same area. No QA/QC program was in place to inspect employees' work and verify that the correct tubing insertion depth, ferrule engagement, or torque requirements were met, ensuring the mechanical integrity of the connection.

Or in the alternative:

11.5.1.16 NMAC

50-9-5.A NMSA 1978: The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which was free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees in that employees were exposed to the release of (HF Sinclair Gas Oils {petroleum} Heavy Vacuum, Product #002D4483) due to not having a QA process (inspections) in place to verify the correct assembly of compression fittings.

On or about 10/31/2026, while Brand Safway subcontracted employees were erecting scaffolds beneath a main feed line containing Gas-Oil, a release of steam occurred from a Swagelok. The Gas-Oil, which auto-ignites in the presence of oxygen, caused a flash fire that burned and injured 3 of the subcontracted employees. Interviews show that Gas-Oil released vapors and ignited, which created a fire, thereby exposing the subcontracting employees to hazards associated with flash fires.

One feasible method of abatement would be to have a QA Process in place and have employees/technicians trained in the proper assembly of compression fittings as recommended by the American Petroleum Institute (API) publication 510, Pressure Vessel Inspection Code: In-Service Inspection, Rating, Repair and Alteration, Tenth Edition, May 2014. Section 6.6.2.1 states: "Each repair organization shall have a fully documented QA process in place."

State of New Mexico
Environment Department
Occupational Health and Safety Bureau



525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 3
Santa Fe NM 87505
87505
Phone: (505) 476-8700 Fax: (505) 476-8734

Inspection Number: 1858765
Inspection Date(s): 11/03/2025-11/04/2025
Issuance Date: 04/30/2026

Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: H.F. Sinclair
Inspection Site: 501 E. Main Street Artesia, NM 88210

PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:
Describe Corrective Action:

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

May 19, 2026
\$17,001.00

State of New Mexico
Environment Department
Occupational Health and Safety Bureau



525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 3
Santa Fe NM 87505
87505
Phone: (505) 476-8700 Fax: (505) 476-8734

Inspection Number: 1858765
Inspection Date(s): 11/03/2025-11/04/2025
Issuance Date: 04/30/2026

Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: H.F. Sinclair
Inspection Site: 501 E. Main Street Artesia, NM 88210

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

11.5.2.9 NMAC
29 CFR 1910.157(e)(2): Portable fire extinguishers were not visually inspected at least monthly.

On or about 11/03/2025 during an inspection in Unit 34 at the HF Sinclair Refinery in Artesia; a type ABC fire extinguisher was found that did not have a tag showing that it had been visibly inspected every month. Management stated that employees are constantly working in this area and that highly flammable liquids and gas are present in the area as well.

PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:
Describe Corrective Action:

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:
Proposed Penalty:

May 19, 2026
\$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

State of New Mexico
Environment Department
Occupational Health and Safety Bureau



525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 3
Santa Fe NM 87505
87505
Phone: (505) 476-8700 Fax: (505) 476-8734

Inspection Number: 1858765
Inspection Date(s): 11/03/2025-11/04/2025
Issuance Date: 04/30/2026

Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: H.F. Sinclair
Inspection Site: 501 E. Main Street Artesia, NM 88210

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:

Kristy Lee Peck

§AD0FA395437467...

Kristy Peck

Compliance and Enforcement Section Chief

State of New Mexico

Environment Department
Occupational Health and Safety Bureau
525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 3
Santa Fe NM 87505
Phone: (505) 476-8700 Fax: (505) 476-8734



INVOICE

Company Name: H.F. Sinclair
Inspection Site: 501 E. Main Street Artesia, NM 88210
Issuance Date: 04/30/2026

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1858765

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$17,001.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$17,001.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES: **\$34,002.00**

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.

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

DocuSigned by:
Kristy Lee Peck
8AD0FA395437467...
Kristy Peck, Compliance and Enforcement
Section Chief

4/30/2026
Date