**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: Bulk Transfer, Inc. AND ITS SUCCESSORS 920 East Highway 66 Gallup, NM 87301	Inspection Number:	1789360
	<b>Inspection Date</b> (s):	11/20/2024-11/20/2024
	<b>Issuance Date:</b>	05/07/2025
Inspection Site: 601 Roundhouse Ln Gallup, NM 87301	Notification of Penalty is on or about the day(s) th	bed in this Citation and (are) alleged to have occurred he inspection was made unless 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 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. Itis 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 <u>must remain posted for 3</u> 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:<u>https://www.env.nm.gov/enforcement-watch/</u>) 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 and Notification of Penalty

**Company Name:** Bulk Transfer, Inc. **Inspection Site:** 601 Roundhouse Ln Gallup, NM 87301

<u>Citation 1 Item 1</u> Type of Violation: Serious

#### 11.5.2.9 NMAC

29 CFR 1910.106(b)(6): In locations where flammable vapors may be present, precautions shall be taken to prevent ignition by eliminating or controlling sources of ignition. Sources of ignition may include open flames, lightning, smoking, cutting and welding, hot surfaces, frictional heat, sparks (static, electrical, and mechanical), spontaneous ignition, chemical and physical-chemical reactions, and radiant heat.

### OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE

29 CFR 1910.106(e)(6)(i): Adequate precautions shall be taken to prevent the ignition of flammable vapors. Sources of ignition include but are not limited to open flames; lightning; smoking; cutting and welding; hot surfaces; frictional heat; static, electrical, and mechanical sparks; spontaneous ignition, including heat-producing chemical reactions; and radiant heat.

On or about November 12, 2025, the employer did not ensure that all possible sources of ignition were removed from areas in which flammable vapors may be present. Employees were permitted to keep mobile cellular phones powered by lithium-ion batteries on their person, which are not intrinsically safe, i.e. explosion proof, spark proof, etc. While it could not be confirmed whether a cellular phone was responsible for the ignition of vapors, it is a potential ignition source that must be removed from such areas.



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# **Citation and Notification of Penalty**

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### PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:

Describe Corrective Action:

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty: June 03, 2025 \$2,980.00

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### **Citation and Notification of Penalty**

**Company Name:** Bulk Transfer, Inc. **Inspection Site:** 601 Roundhouse Ln Gallup, NM 87301

<u>Citation 2 Item 1</u> Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious** 

11.5.1.16 NMAC

29 CFR 1904.39(a)(2): Within twenty-four (24) hours after the in-patient hospitalization of one or more employees or an employee's amputation or an employee's loss of an eye, as a result of a work-related incident, you must report the in-patient hospitalization, amputation, or loss of an eye to OSHA.

On or about November 12, 2025, the employer did not report the inpatient hospitalization of an employee who suffered burns to the hands and face.

### PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:

Describe Corrective Action:

#### Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

Corrected During Inspection \$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.

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Melissa Romero

Melissa Romero, Acting Program Manager

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### INVOICE

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#### Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1789360

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$2,980.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00
TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES:	\$2,980.00

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.

Melissa Romero

Melissa Romero, Acting Program Manager

5/9/2025

Date