



ILA-USMX JOINT SAFETY COMMITTEE

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OSHA Enforcement Activities Within the Marine Cargo Handling Industry

In the time period January 6, 2023 through September 6, 2023, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) initiated a total of 108 inspections of U.S. workplaces ostensibly engaged in marine cargo handling activities. Employers operating within that industrial sector are classified within the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Code 448320.

Of those 108 inspections, five (5) were logged into the agency's management information system (MIS) as being the result of a fatal accident; twelve (12) as a result of an employee complaint; three (3) as a result of a non-fatal, "reportable" accident; eleven (11) as a result of a referral originating from another law-enforcement agency; three (3) as a result of a mandatory "follow-up" in the wake of a previously issued citation; and one (1) as simply a "monitoring" exercise. The balance were all either "Planned" or "Programmed", pursuant to OSHA's selection system.

In the link provided below, the ILA~USMX Joint Safety Committee provides access to the results of an inquiry we've made regarding OSHA's CY 2023 enforcement initiatives within our industry. The entries appearing under the "*Activity*" column are live links, which will relate available particulars associated with that particular inspection.

Labor and management constituents will note that the vast majority of inspections disclose no citations ("violations") as having been issued. That absence is somewhat misleading, in that OSHA has 6 months (by statute) after the occurrence of an alleged violation of an OSHA standard or regulation within which to formally issue citations. Accordingly, many of these inspections have simply not "matured."

Most will.

The link:

https://www.osha.gov/ords/imis/industry.search?p_logger=1&sic=&naics=488320&State=All&officetype=All&Office=All&endmonth=01&endday=06&endyear=2023&startmonth=09&startday=06&startyear=2023&owner=&scope=&FedAgnCode=

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