



# Lead Concerns in the [US Scrap Metal] Recycling Industry

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An Ohio electronics recycling facility was cited by federal regulators and faces \$56,850 in proposed penalties after exposing its employees to lead hazards.

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Waverly, Ohio-based @@@@L.L.C. last week for six serious... health violations after receiving a complaint alleging workers were exposed to lead hazards, the agency said Thursday in a statement.

An OSHA inspection found the company exposed workers to lead above the permissible exposure limit, failed to monitor exposure levels, and did not require the use of protective clothing or provide laundry and disposal containers for contaminated clothing, according to the release. The company also allowed food and beverages to be consumed in areas where lead was likely present and failed to properly label containers with material containing lead, according to the agency....

And we care because lead is a toxic material and we should be protecting our workers from unsafe exposures.

## ***Safely or not at all!!***

...When OSHA Comes Knocking [if] you have lead onsite [ask yourself:]

Have you performed air monitoring and is it documented?

Is lunch room separate from work area and cleaned regularly –OSHA will do wipes for lead...



### Summary

- All the regulatory details are contained in 29 CFR 1910.1025
- OSHA is increasing the monitoring of lead both air and surface in the industry.
- You need to know the status of your facility and back it up with documentation.
- Control of eating, drinking and smoking at your facility will reduce potential lead exposure and possible OSHA citations. ...