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Inspection: 315460253 - Railworks Track Systems

Inspection Information - Office: Iowa		
Nr: 315460253	Report ID:0751910	Open Date: 03/16/2011
Railworks Track Systems 19560 Bunge Avenue Council Bluffs, IA 51503		Union Status: NonUnion
SIC: 1629/Heavy Construction, Not Elsewhere Classified NAICS: 237990/Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction Mailing: 8485 W. 210th Street, P.O. Box 959, Lakeville, MN 55044		
Inspection Type: Accident Scope: Partial Ownership: Private Safety/Health: Safety	Advanced Notice: N Close Conference: 04/27/2011 Close Case: 08/12/2011	
Optional Information: Type	ID	Value
N	10	IMMLANG-N
Related Activity: Type	ID	Safety Health
Accident	100522309	

	Violation Summary					Total
	Serious	Willful	Repeat	Other	Unclass	
Initial Violations	2					2
Current Violations	2					2
Initial Penalty	3750					3750
Current Penalty	1875					1875
FTA Amount						

Violation Items										
#	ID	Type	Standard	Issuance	Abate	Curr\$	Init\$	Fta\$	Contest	LastEvent
1.	01001	Serious	880004	05/06/2011	07/29/2011	\$1875	\$1875	\$0		I - Informal Settlement
2.	01002	Serious	19100242 A	05/06/2011	07/29/2011	\$0	\$1875	\$0		I - Informal Settlement

Accident Investigation Summary		
Summary Nr: 200534113	Event: 03/08/2011	Employee Is Struck By Flying Metal, Later Dies
<p>On March 8, 2011, Employee #1 was working on the "Star Line", along with five other employees, to drill and replace compromise bars, which hold the rails at the seams on train tracks. Employee #1 was working with two other employees to mark and drill out holes. While drilling on one side of the rail, the bit broke, and a new bit was put in the drill. The drill was moved to the opposite side of the rail, and employees started drilling again. The drill bit broke again. A coworker decided to knock the rest out with the punch and spike maul. The coworker picked up the spike maul, while a second coworker picked up the punch. The coworker holding the spike maul told the other employees to stand back, which was routine. Employee #1 moved to the north, approximately 10 feet to 12 feet behind the coworker holding the spike maul. A fourth coworker, who was nearby, moved to the east, approximately 10 feet to the side. The coworker hit the punch approximately four times, when something flew off the spike maul, and apparently struck Employee #1 in the neck. Employee #1 hollered that he was bleeding. The coworker went over to Employee #1 and asked to see. Employee #1 removed his hand, and the blood squirted out. The coworker got Employee #1 to the truck and rushed him to the hospital. Employee #1 was admitted to the hospital and then transferred to a second hospital. Later in the week, he was transferred to a third hospital, where he died.</p>		
Keywords: construction, struck by, neck, loss of blood, flying object, railroad track		
Inspection	Degree	Nature
1 315460253	Fatality	Cut/Laceration
Occupation		
Occupation not reported		

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