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US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CITES GEORGIA STONE PRODUCT MANUFACTURER FOR EXPOSING WORKERS TO RESPIRABLE CRYSTALLINE SILICA

Art Stone-Granite & Marble Inc. to pay \$120K in penalties

ATLANTA – A U.S. Department of Labor follow-up inspection found that Art Stone-Granite & Marble Inc., a stone product manufacturer in Marietta, had failed to administer hearing conservation and respiratory protection programs identified previously on an April 2024 safety and health inspection.

Five months after the initial inspection, the department’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited the company with two repeat violations and 13 serious violations for not providing workplace protections for employees exposed to hazards such as silica dust and occupational related noise. The company will pay \$120,000 in penalties, take action to correct the hazardous conditions, and put steps in place to prevent recurrence.

For information on silica hazards, read OSHA’s fact sheet on respirable crystalline silica standard for general industry. OSHA’s National Emphasis Program for Respirable Crystalline Silica addresses the agency’s efforts to reduce worker exposures to silica. Employers can contact the agency for free compliance assistance and resources.

The citation will be provided upon request.

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