



United States of America
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION
1120 20th Street, N.W., Ninth Floor
Washington, DC 20036-3457

SECRETARY OF LABOR,

Complainant,

v.

C.P. BUCKNER STEEL ERECTION, INC.,

Respondent.

OSHRC Docket No. 10-1021

BRIEFING NOTICE

The Commission requests that the parties brief the following issues.

- (1) With respect to Items 1 through 3, which allege violations of 29 C.F.R. § 1904.32(b)(4), did the judge err in determining that Respondent failed to comply with the requirements of this provision?
- (2) If Respondent did violate § 1904.32(b)(4) as alleged in Items 1 through 3:
 - a. Did the judge err in concluding that Respondent had waived its argument that the phrase “highest ranking company official” as used in § 1904.32(b)(4)(iii) is vague and, if so, does this argument have merit?
 - b. Did the judge err in determining that the violations alleged in Items 1 and 2 fell within the six-month limitations period under section 9(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. § 658(c)?
 - c. Did the judge err in characterizing the violations as other-than-serious rather than *de minimis*?

The parties are advised that when the merits or characterization of an item are before the Commission for review, the appropriateness of the penalty is also subject to review. Accordingly, the parties may address the amount of the penalty if they so choose.

All briefs are to be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 93.¹ The first brief is to be filed within 40 days of this notice. A party who does not intend to file a brief must notify the Commission in writing setting forth the reason therefor within the applicable time for filing briefs, and shall serve a copy on all other parties. The time for filing briefs (or similar notices of intent) of opposing parties shall commence on the date of service.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION

Dated: October 20, 2010

/s/
Ray H. Darling, Jr.
Executive Secretary

¹ The Commission requests that all briefs include an alphabetical table of authorities with references to the pages on which they are cited, and that an asterisk be placed in the left-hand margin of the table to indicate those authorities on which the brief principally relies. The Commission also requests that copies of cited authority, other than statutes, case law, law journal articles and legal treatises, be provided to the Commission and to the opposing party. Parties should be cautioned that these materials will be considered only if appropriate.