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,

OSHRC Docket No. 10-2313

v.

CHARLES W. MASON, DDS & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

Respondent.

BRIEFING NOTICE

The Commission requests that the parties brief the following issues:

- Did the judge err in affirming Citation 1, Item 1, which alleged a violation of 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200(h)(1) (hazardous chemical information and training)? In addressing this question, the parties are asked to discuss:
 - (a) the material safety data sheets for the substances at issue which set forth the chemical manufacturers' hazard determinations (see 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1200(d)(1) (hazard determination)); and
 - (b) the training documents which Respondent claims show that its employees received hazardous chemical training on the substances at issue.
- (1) Did the judge err in affirming Citation 1, Item 3a, which alleged a violation of 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1030(d)(4)(iii)(A)(1) (contaminated sharps discarding and containment)?

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

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 lefthand 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.

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: November 15, 2012

<u>/s/</u> Ray H. Darling, Jr. Executive Secretary