

OSHA Proposes \$280K In Fines Over NH Power Plant

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) -- The U.S. Labor Department's OSHA has proposed more than \$280,000 in fines against contractors working on a power plant in Berlin, N.H.

OSHA says workers were exposed to serious and potentially fatal injuries from cave-ins, falls, scaffold collapses, crushing, lead and electrocution hazards. No one was killed or seriously hurt.

General contractor Babcock & Wilcox Construction Co. Inc. of Barberton, Ohio, faces over \$116,000 in fines. OSHA said the company was cited for using cranes on unstable ground; failing to train workers adequately to install fall protection systems; not keeping work areas clear of debris; and others.

Ryan Cornell, a spokesman for Babcock & Wilcox, says the company disagrees with the findings but will work closely with OSHA to resolve the issues.

Subcontractors fined are in Pittsburgh and Mt. Morris, Pa.; Lewiston, Maine; Roanoke, Va., and Berlin.

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