Environment Department Occupational Health and Safety Bureau 525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 3 Santa Fe NM 87505

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# Citation and Notification of Penalty

To:

The Cornivore Popcorn Company AND ITS SUCCESSORS 3300 Menaul Boulevard Northeast Albuquerque, NM 87107

**Inspection Site:** 

3300 Menaul Boulevard Northeast Albuquerque, NM 87107

**Inspection Number:** 

1663529

**Inspection Date(s):** 

04/14/2023-04/14/2023

**Issuance Date:** 

08/08/2023

The violation(s) described in this Citation and Notification of Penalty is (are) alleged to have occurred on or about the day(s) the inspection was made unless otherwise indicated within the description given below.

This Citation and Notification of Penalty (this Citation) describes violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. The penalty(ies) listed herein is (are) based on these violations. You must abate the violations referred to in this Citation by the dates listed and pay the penalties proposed, unless within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) from your receipt of this Citation and Notification of Penalty you mail a notice of contest to the Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau at the address shown above. Issuance of this Citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to contest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless this Citation is affirmed by the Review Commission or a court.

**Posting-**The law requires that a copy of this Citation and Notification of Penalty be posted immediately in a prominent place at or near the location of the violation(s) cited herein, or, if it is not practicable because of the nature of the employer's operations, where it will be readily observable by all affected employees. This Citation must remain posted until the violation(s) cited herein has (have) been abated, or for 3 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays), whichever is longer. The penalty dollar amounts need not be posted and may be marked out or covered up prior to posting.

**Informal Conference-** An informal conference is not required. However, at the request of an employer, affected employee, or representative of employees, the Bureau Chief or the Bureau Chiefs designee may hold an informal conference. At this conference any issues raised by an inspection, citation, proposed penalty, proposed petition for modification of abatement date or proposed petition for variance may be discussed. If you intend to request an informal conference, take care to schedule it early enough to allow time to contest after the informal conference discussion, should you decide to do so.

When the conference is requested by an employer, an affected employee or representative shall be afforded an opportunity to participate, at the discretion of the Bureau Chief or Bureau Chiefs designee. When the conference is requested by an employee or representative of employees, the employer shall be afforded an opportunity to participate, at the discretion of the Bureau Chief or Bureau Chiefs designee.

The request for an informal conference and the informal conference meeting shall not extend or modify in any manner:

- 1) an abatement date established in the citation:
- 2) the deadline for an employer to file a notice of contest;
- 3) any other filing deadline related to the citation; or
- 4) any matter pending before the bureau.

Once an employer files a notice of contest, a petition for modification of the abatement date, a request for a commission hearing, a petition for variance, or other filing with the Occupational Health and Safety Review Commission or the Environment Department, the opportunity for an informal conference is no longer available.

**Right to Contest-** You have the right to contest this Citation and Notification of Penalty. You may contest all citation items or only individual items. You may also contest proposed penalties and/or abatement dates without contesting the underlying violations. Unless you inform the Bureau Chief in writing that you intend to contest the citation(s) and/or proposed penalty(ies) within 15 working days after receipt, the citation(s) and the proposed penalty(ies) will become a final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and may not be reviewed by any court or agency. Itis recommended that the Notice of Contest be filed via "Certified Mail".

**Penalty Payment-** Penalties are due within 15 working days of receipt of this notification unless contested. Make your check or money order payable to the Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau. Please indicate the Inspection Number on the remittance.

OSHA does not agree to any restrictions or conditions or endorsements put on any check or money order for less than the full amount due, and will cash the check or money order as if these restrictions, conditions, or endorsements do not exist.

Notification of Corrective Action - For violations which you do not contest, you should notify the Occupational Health and Safety Bureau (OHSB) that each cited violation has been abated. To certify abatement, you should complete the "Description of Corrective Action Taken" box which follows each citation and sign the statement on the last citation page. You are not required to certify abatement if the compliance officer observed that abatement has occurred during the on-site inspection. The citation may indicate that you should submit additional documentation such as photographs, purchase orders, copies of written programs, etc. Failure to return all completed forms and documents to the Program Manager no later than 10 days after the abatement date may result in additional penalties.

You are also required to inform your employees about abatement activities by posting a copy of each document submitted to OHSB or a summary of the document near the place where the violation occurred. Documents <u>must remain posted for 3 working days after submission to OHSB.</u>

**Employer Discrimination Unlawful-** The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under this Act. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint no later than 30 days after the discrimination occurred with the Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau at the address shown above.

**Notice to Employees** - The law gives an employee or his/her representative the opportunity to object to any abatement date set for a violation if he/she believes the date to be unreasonable. The contest must be mailed to the Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and Federal holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.

Please note that your facility will appear on the Department's Enforcement Watch as a result of this Citation and Notification of Penalty (see: <a href="https://www.env.nm.gov/enforcement-watch/">https://www.env.nm.gov/enforcement-watch/</a>). Further, the Department will issue a press release to local media highlighting your facility as appearing on this webpage. Your facility will remain on the Enforcement Watch website as an active matter until this matter is fully resolved, including the payment of the assessed civil penalty.

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# Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: The Cornivore Popcorn Company

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<u>Citation 1 Item 1</u> Type of Violation: **Serious** 

NMAC 11.5.2.9

29 CFR 1910.22(d)(1): (1) Walking-working surfaces are inspected, regularly and as necessary, and maintained in a safe condition.

On or about April 14, 2023, employees of Cornivore Popcorn Company were exposed to tripping hazards from an uneven floor at the grease trap in the main kitchen area.

### PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:			 V. 8	
Describe Corrective Action:				

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

September 01, 2023 \$3,200.00

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Citation 1 Item 2

Type of Violation: Serious

NMAC 11.5.2.9

29 CFR 1910.110(c)(5)(i): When operational requirements make portable use of containers necessary and their location outside of buildings or structure is impracticable, containers and equipment are permitted to be used inside of buildings or structures in accordance with (a) through (l) of this subdivision, and, in addition, such other provisions of this subparagraph as are applicable to the particular use or occupancy.

(c)(5)(i)(a): Containers in use shall mean connected for use.

(c)(5)(i)(l): Containers, including the valve protective devices, shall be installed so as to minimize the probability of impingement of discharge of safety relief devices upon containers.

On or about April 14, 2023 employees of The Cornivore Popcorn Company were exposed to unsecured propane cylinders that were not stored properly inside the back storeroom while in use. Propane cylinders not in use are being stored inside the back storeroom unsecured next to the cylinders in use.

#### PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:		, ,	 
Describe Corrective Action:			

Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

September 01, 2023 \$2,400.00

See pages 1 through 3 of this Citation and Notification of Penalty for information on employer and employee rights and responsibilities.

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Citation 1 Item 3

Type of Violation: Serious

NMAC 11.5.2.9

29 CFR 1910.151(c): Where the eyes or body of any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided within the work area for immediate emergency use.

[63 FR 33450, June 18, 1998]

On or about April 14, 2023, employees of The Cornivore Popcorn Company are exposed to contact with bleach for cleaning and not provided a readily available eyewash station for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided within the work area for immediate emergency use.

### PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:			
Describe Corrective Action:			
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Date By Which Violation Must be Abated:

**Proposed Penalty:** 

September 01, 2023 \$1,800.00

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Citation 1 Item 4

Type of Violation: Serious

NMAC 11.5.2.9

29 CFR 1910.304(b)(3)(ii)(C)(3): Each cord set, attachment cap, plug, and receptacle of cord sets, and any equipment connected by cord and plug, except cord sets and receptacles which are fixed and not exposed to damage, shall be visually inspected before each day's use for external defects, such as deformed or missing pins or insulation damage, and for indications of possible internal damage. Equipment found damaged or defective shall not be used until repaired;

On or about April 14, 2023, The employees for Cornivore popcorn company are exposed to possible contact with electrical current. The electrical outlet receptacle in the kitchen sink area is damaged and exposing electrical wires and does not have a cover.

#### PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:		 
Describe Corrective Action:		
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Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:

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Citation 2 Item 1 Type of Violation: Other-than-Serious

NMAC 11.5.2.9

29 CFR 1910.38(b): Written and oral emergency action plans. On or about an emergency action plan must be in writing, kept in the workplace, and available to employees for review. However, an employer with 10 or fewer employees may communicate the plan orally to employees.

The employer for Cornivore popcorn company has not implemented a written emergency plan with employees that is kept at the workplace for employees to review.

#### PROOF OF ABATEMENT:

Date Corrected:	
Describe Corrective Action:	
Date By Which Violation Must be Abated: Proposed Penalty:	September 01, 2023 \$0.00
I attest that all corrective actions contained in this document are accurate abatement.	rate and affected employees have been informed of
Signature	Date

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Pursuant to the New Mexico Environment Department Delegation Order dated March 24, 2023, the Cabinet Secretary has delegated the authority to issue this Citation and Notification of Penalty to the Occupational Health and Safety Bureau Chief.

Robert Genoway, Bureau Chief

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### **INVOICE**

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**Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1663529** 

Citation 1 Item 1, Serious	\$3,200.00
Citation 1 Item 2, Serious	\$2,400.00
Citation 1 Item 3, Serious	\$1,800.00
Citation 1 Item 4, Serious	\$3,000.00
Citation 2 Item 1, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00

#### TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES:

\$10,400.00

Please remit payment promptly to this office for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: Environment Department, Occupational Health and Safety Bureau. Please indicate OHSB's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance.

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Robert Genoway, Bureau Chief

8-9-2023

Date