



THE STATE
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Department of Labor and Workforce Development

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Occupational Safety and Health
Enforcement

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October 5, 2026

Heidi Drygas
Executive Director
ASEA/Local 52
2601 Denali St.
Anchorage, AK 99503

RE: Inspection Nos. **1914871 & 1914872**

Dear **Ms. Drygas**:

Enclosed you will find citations for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (the Act) which may have accompanying proposed penalties. If you have any questions about the enclosed citations and penalties, I would welcome further discussion in person or by telephone.

Also enclosed is a letter which has been sent to the employer offering the opportunity for an informal conference. If the employer requests an informal conference, you will be given the opportunity to participate. During the informal conference you may present any evidence or views which you believe should be considered in the settlement of this case.

Under the Act employees have a right to contest the abatement dates assigned. If you have any problem with these dates, please feel free to contact me at, anchorage.lss.osh@alaska.gov, for an informal conference where this issue or others which you may have can be discussed.

If you desire to have an informal conference to discuss the abatement dates, please keep in mind that a written letter or request of intent to contest the abatement dates must be submitted to the AKOSH office within 15 working days of receipt of the citation by the employer at anchorage.lss.osh@alaska.gov. The running of this contest period is not interrupted by an informal conference. Therefore, you must take care to schedule the informal conference early enough in the 15-day period to allow time to contest subsequent to the informal conference, should you decide to do so.

Respectfully,

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William "Dale" Williamson
Chief of Enforcement,
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State of Alaska Department of Corrections
Hiland Mountain Correctional Center
9101 Hesterberg Rd.
Eagle River, AK 99577

Inspection No. 1914871

HAZARD ALERT NOTICE

Dear State of Alaska Department of Corrections, Hiland Mountain Correctional Center,

On 09/02/2026, Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) conducted an enforcement inspection at your workplace located at 9101 Hesterberg Rd., Eagle River, Alaska 99577. Our inspection revealed that employees are potentially exposed to a life safety hazard due to the presence of mold and mildew within an employee work area. The purpose of this letter is to bring attention to this hazard and to encourage you to address it in your company's safety management plan.

Alaska Statute 18.60.075(a)(4) Safe employment, states the following:

An employer shall do everything necessary to protect the life, health, and safety of employees including, but not limited to: furnishing to each employee employment and a place of employment that are free from recognized hazards that, in the opinion of the commissioner, are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to the employees.

We do not believe the above standards were being met during the time of our inspection. Employees were exposed from mid-April 2026 to mid-September 2026 to health hazards such as allergic rhinitis, allergic asthma, hypersensitivity pneumonitis, and/or mycotoxin exposure, (and possibly other hazards). These can manifest as, or lead to/exacerbate other chronic health conditions. OSHA, EPA and NIOSH/CDC all recognize as hazards, dampness, water intrusion/leaks, and unaddressed moisture, and provide information about health conditions on their websites (search for 'mold'). There was acknowledgement that prior to the inspection, several stained ceiling tiles already had been removed and surrounding wall areas were repetitively cleaned to mitigate mold/mildew growth.



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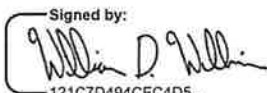
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Respectfully,

Signed by:

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William "Dale" Williamson
Chief of Enforcement
Alaska Occupational Safety and Health

**Step 1 – Choose a Response Option
and Act *within 15 working days***

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Questions or Concerns?

If you have questions or concerns regarding the citation, penalties and/or correction deadlines, please call us at 907.269.4940.

Your Citation Summary

State of Alaska Department of Corrections
1914872

Total Amount Due:	\$ 8,682.00
Payment Due Date:	15 working days after receipt of this letter <u>unless</u> option 1 or 3 is selected.

You must correct each violation by the date listed in the Citation and Notification of Penalty. Please see the violations and the correction deadline for each violation.

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**INVOICE/
DEBT COLLECTION NOTICE**

Company Name: State of Alaska Department of Corrections
Inspection Site: 9101 Hesterberg Rd. Eagle River, AK 99577
Issuance Date: 10/05/2026

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1914872

Citation 1 Item 1a, Serious	\$8682.00
Citation 1 Item 1b, Serious	\$0.00

TOTAL PROPOSED PENALTIES:	\$8682.00
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To avoid additional charges, please remit payment promptly for the total amount of the uncontested penalties summarized above. Make your check or money order payable to: **"State of Alaska"**. Please send the remittance to the address listed above and indicate AKOSH's Inspection Number (indicated above) on the remittance. Return this form along with your remittance.

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

Delinquent Charges A debt is considered delinquent if it has not been paid within one month (30 calendar days) of the penalty due date or if a satisfactory payment arrangement has not been made. If the debt remains delinquent for more than 90 calendar days, the amount due will be turned over to the current state contracted collection agency for collection nationwide.

Administrative Costs Agencies of the Department of Labor are required to assess additional charges for the recovery of delinquent debts. These additional charges are administrative costs incurred by the Agency in its attempt to collect an unpaid debt. Administrative costs will be assessed for demand letters sent in an attempt to collect the unpaid debt.

Signed by:

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Chief of Enforcement, AKOSH

10/5/2026

Date

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Right to Contest - You have the right to formally 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. **By law, an employer has only 15 working days (excluding weekends and state holidays) from the date citations were received to file a written notice of contest. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the alleged violations and penalties becoming a final order that is not subject to review by any court (see AS 18.60.093(a)).**

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Employer Discrimination Unlawful – The law prohibits discrimination by an employer against an employee for filing a complaint or for exercising any rights under AS 18.60.010 – AS 18.60.105 or the OSH Act of 1970. An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against may file a complaint within 30 days after the discrimination occurred.

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 Alaska Department of Labor Office and Workforce Development at the address shown above and postmarked within 15 working days (excluding weekends and State holidays) of the receipt by the employer of this Citation and Notification of Penalty.



Citation and Notification of Penalty

Company Name: State of Alaska Department of Corrections
Inspection Site: 9101 Hesterberg Rd. Eagle River, AK 99577

Citation 1 Item 1 a Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22 - General requirements.

(a) - Surface conditions. The employer must ensure:

(2) - The floor of each workroom is maintained in a clean and, to the extent feasible, in a dry condition. When wet processes are used, drainage must be maintained and, to the extent feasible, dry standing places, such as false floors, platforms, and mats must be provided.

EXAMPLES: Employees were exposed to slip, trip, and fall hazards due to the employer's failure to maintain walking-working surfaces in a safe and serviceable condition. On September 2, 2026, multiple damaged floor tiles were observed in the dish pit area of the main kitchen at the Hiland Mountain Correctional Center, an area routinely accessed by employees while performing their assigned duties. Wet processes were conducted in this location, and the employer did not provide platforms, slip-resistant mats, or other effective means to reduce or control the associated hazards.

Date by Which Violation Must Be Abated:

November 23, 2026

Proposed Penalty:

\$8682.00

Citation 1 Item 1 b Type of Violation: **Serious**

29 CFR 1910.22 - General requirements.

(d) - Inspection, maintenance, and repair. The employer must ensure:

(2) - Hazardous conditions on walking-working surfaces are corrected or repaired before an employee uses the walking-working surface again. If the correction or repair cannot be made immediately, the hazard must be guarded to prevent employees from using the walking-working surface until the hazard is corrected or repaired; and

EXAMPLES: Employees were exposed to slip, trip, and fall hazards due to the employer's failure to maintain walking-working surfaces in a safe and serviceable condition. On September 2, 2026, multiple damaged floor tiles were identified in the dish pit area of the main kitchen at the Hiland Mountain Correctional Center, an area routinely accessed by employees while performing assigned duties. No warning signs, cones, or other protective measures were present to alert employees to the hazard associated with traversing the damaged floor tiles.

Date by Which Violation Must Be Abated:

October 30, 2026

Proposed Penalty:

\$0.00

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NOTICE OF CORRECTION

Inspection Number: 1914872

Date Issued: 10/05/2026

EMPLOYER: State of Alaska Department of Corrections

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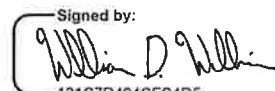
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1914871

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Issuance Date: 10/05/2026

Summary of Penalties for Inspection Number: 1914871

Citation 1 Item 1, Other-than-Serious	\$0.00
Citation UNKNOWN Item UNKNOWN, HAL	\$0.00

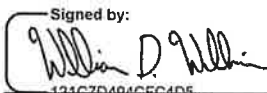
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Citation 1 Item 1 Type of Violation: **Other-than-Serious**

29 CFR 1910.1200 - Hazard Communication.

(h) - Employee information and training.

(2) - Information. Employees shall be informed of:

(iii): The location and availability of the written hazard communication program, including the required list(s) of hazardous chemicals, and safety data sheets required by this section.

EXAMPLE: The employer failed to effectively train/inform employees on the location and availability of safety data sheets. Kitchen staff employees were aware of the process to obtain paper SDS, which involved leaving the immediate work area and going to the security sergeant office, however the employees were not aware that they could access the SDS from the computer shared drive within the immediate work area.

Date by Which Violation Must Be Abated:

Corrected During Inspection

Proposed Penalty:

\$0.00

Citation UNKNOWN Item UNKNOWN

Type of Violation: **HAL**

AS 18.60.075 - Safe Employment.

(a) - An employer shall do everything necessary to protect the life, health, and safety of employees, including

(4): furnishing to each employee employment and a place of employment that are free from recognized hazards that, in the opinion of the commissioner, are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to the employees.

EXAMPLE: The employer failed to provide a place of employment free from recognized hazards when multiple mold covered ceiling panels and mildew on surrounding walls were observed during the AKOSH inspection in the kitchen dish pit area. Employees were directed by management to have inmates clean the mold and mildew covered areas to the best of their ability, this process required kitchen stewards to first perform the cleaning task themselves to demonstrate the proper procedure to the inmates.

Date by Which Violation Must Be Abated:

HAL, Abatement not Requested

Proposed Penalty:

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