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OSHA DBCS COMPLAINT



On April 7, 2009, I filed an OSHA Complaint concerning the Ergonomic Hazards related to the DBCS machines in the San Antonio Post Office Installation. The APWU's intent was to file multiple OSHA complaints simultaneously by locals with DBCS machines, nationwide.

The Issues/Complaint cites employees exposed to ergonomic hazards and the risk of ergonomic related injuries due to improper equipment installation, including

foot-print allocation, support equipment placement and organization, improper allocation of heavy volumes of mail to higher risk sorting bins, loading procedures, sweeping procedures and various administrative issues such as work-rest cycles/rotation, training both initial and refresher, and equipment maintenance.

According to the APWU, On October 22-25, 2007, OSHA conducted an assessment of the DBCS operations as part of an Ergonomics Work Group (EWG) verification review that was required under the now expired Ergonomic Strategic Partnership Agreement. OSHA's verification review documented that ergonomic risk associated with the DBCS operations are still present and some of their findings are similar to the findings of two prior NIOSH Health Hazard Evaluations. The Postal Service has refused every attempt by APWU to discuss the ergonomic risks and hazards presented in OSHA's report.

Following submission of the complaint, OSHA should schedule an inspection of the DBCS operations. I will keep you posted on the inspection from OSHA, if you have any questions, email me at; alexaleman0195@att.net or call me at 210-789-3426.

In Union Solidarity,

Alex Aleman

President