



Connecticut Department of Labor Issues 28 Stop Work Orders from Sept. 7 to 22

Work halted at construction sites in Greenwich, Danbury, Trumbull, and Old Saybrook

WETHERSFIELD, Sept. 27, 2011 – The Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Wage and Workplace Standards issued Stop Work orders to 28 companies working at construction project sites in Greenwich, Danbury, Trumbull and Old Saybrook during the three-week period of September 7-22, State Labor Commissioner Glenn Marshall announced today.

Stop Work orders are levied against companies that misclassify workers as independent contractors with the intent of avoiding their obligations under federal and state employment laws covering such matters as workers’ compensation, unemployment taxes and payroll reporting. Stop Work orders result in the halting of all activity at a cited company’s worksite, as well as a \$300 civil penalty for each day the company does not carry workers’ compensation coverage as required by law.

According to Commissioner Marshall, Division of Wage and Workplace Standards Investigators issued Stop Work orders to the following companies:

September 7 at the following project site: 82 Mill Plain Rd., Danbury

- All Granite & Marble Corp.

September 8 at the following project site: 5065 Main St., Trumbull

- Silva Stone & Tile LLC
- Tony’s Tile Outlet Inc.
- Triple 8 Construction

September 8 at the following project site: 20 Deer Park Meadow Rd., Greenwich

- MG Flynn Inc.
- AM Carpentry LLC

September 12 at the following project site: 355 W. Putnam Ave., Greenwich

- Stars & Stripes Inc. d/b/a American Services Group

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September 12 at the following project site: 261 W. Putnam Ave., Greenwich

- **Vertex Steel Corp. d/b/a Mahan Steel Construction Corp.**
- **Castle Ceramic Design**
- **Castlevale Construction**
- **Stucco Specialist**
- **Construction Force Services Inc.**

September 15 at the following project site: 109 Byram Shore Rd., Greenwich

- **Burba Landscaping**
- **Enrique Martinez Contracting Corp. d/b/a MNM Contracting Corp.**

September 21 at the following project site: Ferry Rd., Old Saybrook

- **Morin Concrete**

September 22 at the following project site: 22 Leeward Lane, Greenwich

- **Ram Construction LLC**
- **Blueprint Carpentry Inc.**
- **M&G Antonlino Masonry Inc.**

September 22 at the following project site: 547 Lake Ave., Greenwich

- **Miltown Masonry**
- **Vika of Montebello**

September 22 at the following project site: 11 Island Lane, Greenwich

- **Trayner & Co. Ltd.**
- **Fernando Muguerza**
- **Plateau Painting**
- **Marble Crafters**
- **Alvarado Custom Cabinets**
- **TG Construction**
- **Custom Millwork Installers**
- **Artisan Tile & Stone LLC**

“Businesses failing to recognize their workers as employees of their company avoid providing certain protections, such as Workers’ Compensation, which ensures that those individuals are safe in the event they are injured on the job,” Marshall noted. “When an employer does not pay its fair share and a worker gets hurt on the job or is laid off, state taxpayers ultimately foot the bill.”

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In the past nine months the Labor Department has inspected 94 construction projects and reviewed the records of 402 contractors. A total of 142 Stop Work orders have been issued during this time, with 45 identified as out-of-state contractors. Companies issued a Stop Work order have 10 days to appeal the decision and once a cited employer provides proof of appropriate coverage, work at that site is allowed to resume.

As a result of these Stop Work orders, \$123,000 has been collected in civil penalties for the misclassification of workers and referrals have been made to the Department of Revenue Services and the Labor Department's Tax Division audit unit for further investigation.

The first Stop Work order was issued by the Connecticut Department of Labor in October 2007. Since that time, 597 have been issued. The agency has developed an online site to help educate the public and members of the business community about misclassification laws. Located under the agency's website at *www.ct.gov/dol*, it also provides contact information for those wishing to report any suspicions of misclassification.

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