

OSHA issued U.S. Minerals, headquartered in Dyer, Ind., a total of 28 health and safety citations with proposed penalties of \$396,000.

"U.S. Minerals has severely jeopardized the health and safety of its workers by exposing them to extremely high levels of hazardous dust and other dangers," said OSHA Administrator Dr. David Michaels. "This is the fourth U.S. Minerals facility where very serious violations were cited in the past 3 months, clearly indicating these problems are widespread and systemic."

Inhalation of the hazardous dust material produced at the facility can cause debilitating lung disease

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