Chicken Processing Facility Fined \$20,000 for Partial Amputation of Hand



A worker at a chicken processing facility was cleaning a machine when his hand was partially amputated. The facility pleaded guilty to failing to ensure its workers and supervisors were familiar with health or safety hazards and that equipment was used according to safe work practices. The court fined the facility \$10,000 for each charge and ordered it to pay \$2,000 to be used for public OHS education [Country Ribbon Inc., Govt. News Release, June 22, 2012].