Food Processor Fined $138,000 for Machine Guarding and Lockout Violations



After sliding open a food slicing machine access door and reach inside to clear a jam, a worker cut his hand on the cutting blade. The employer was fined $138,638 for doing 2 things wrong: i. Not ensuring the machine was de-energized and locked out; and ii. Allowing the door interlock safeguard to be bypassed [*Neptune Fresh Produce Inc*.].