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### **Kentucky Labor Cabinet issues 11 work place violations to Louisville firing range**

***Company cited for willful, serious violations over three-year period***

**FRANKFORT, Ky. – (Nov. 16, 2010)** – The Kentucky Labor Cabinet’s Occupational Safety and Health Compliance (KyOSH) office has issued citations and fines to Lost Lodge Properties LLC, dba Bluegrass Indoor Range in Louisville. The range, located at 4402 Kiln Ct., was issued four failure-to-abate, three repeat serious, three serious, and one non-serious violations for lead, electrical, hazard communication and respirator hazards. The fines associated with the citations total \$372,000.

KyOSH inspectors first issued citations in August 2007 and later settled with the owner to pay a \$5,000 fine with the promise that the issues cited had been abated in a timely manner. In April 2010, KyOSH inspectors found the issues had not been addressed and so have issued the citations and fines. Inspectors determined that the amount and location of lead found in the facility could pose a hazard to customers as well as employees. Should these hazards not be corrected, additional penalties may be assessed and the Cabinet can seek an injunction to close the business until the hazards are abated.

“We always prefer to work with a company or employer before issues reach this stage in order to avoid having to hand out such a large fine,” said Labor Cabinet Secretary J.R. Gray. “However, in this case, we found multiple instances of the owners of this facility promising to take care of the problems we initially found, only to discover when we re-visited the site that nothing at all had been done to clean up and take care of the lead problem.”

For employers wishing to avoid the situation described above, Secretary Gray encourages those who may have concerns about the safety and healthfulness of their facilities to contact the Division of Education and Training at 502/564-3070 to request a free, confidential, consultative visit.

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