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Bridgestone Firestone Statement about Dayton Tire

The Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission's Administrative Law Judge heard the case in 1995, and we believe it's important to note that the ALJ's 1997 ruling substantially rejected OSHA's original misguided allegations and reduced the proposed penalties by more than 90 percent. Further, a federal judge at the time of the citation in 1994 immediately rejected the government's allegations that there were issues that required immediate correction. We have believed from day one that there is no merit to this lawsuit and continue to believe this more than 10 years later. The case is still active and on appeal; we are waiting for a decision by the full Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

We have always been, and remain, committed to providing a safe and healthy work environment for all teammates and continuously improve our overall safety process. The plant lockout/tagout programs have been audited by an outside expert and attorney, and three of the company's tire plants have been recognized as OSHA Voluntary Protection Program Star sites due to their outstanding safety performance. Bridgestone Firestone has the only tire plants in the United States to ever receive this distinction.

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