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TRENTON – Investigators from the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development’s (NJDOL) Division of Wage and Hour Compliance issued the following stop-work order on July 16, 2025:

Employer: Aspen Marketplace Corp., Hoboken, N.J.

Work Location: 226 Washington St., Hoboken, NJ 07030

Nature of Work: Grocery Store

SWO Category: General Enforcement

Violations: The violations include incomplete records; failure to pay earned sick leave; failure to post earned sick leave; failure to keep earned sick leave records and notification/posting violations; and unpaid wages/late payment. The total amount due is \$62,972.42.

Status: A settlement agreement was reached with the employer. The employer breached the settlement agreement and failed to make payments as agreed.

Workers Affected: 9

NJDOL has issued 196 stop-work orders since these powers were expanded in July 2019.

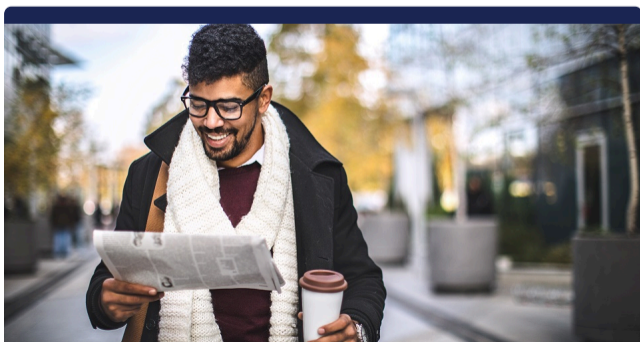
Stop-work orders are initiated by NJDOL to halt work being performed in a manner that exploits workers or is otherwise noncompliant with state laws and regulations. In General Enforcement cases, an assessment is made against a company found to be in violation of Wage and Hour laws and regulations. If the employer fails to contest or pay the assessment within the statutory time period, a stop-work order may be issued after a seven-day notice is served upon the employer. The stop-work order remains in place until the award is paid in full by the employer.

NJDOL continues to monitor locations where stop-work orders have been issued. Workers are to be paid during the time the stop-work order is in effect, for a period of up to 10 days. The stop-work order may be lifted if and when any remaining back wages and penalties have been paid and all related issues have been resolved.

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