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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 orders on May 22, 2025:

Employer: MJQ Drywall Group Corp. of Passaic, N.J. (subcontractor)

Work Location: 1 Journal Square (South Tower, North Tower and Podium), 10 Journal Square Plaza, Jersey City, N.J.

Nature of Work: Construction

SWO Category: Construction

Details: MJQ Drywall Group was hired to the project by primary contractor A.J.D. Construction Co. Inc. of Leonardo, N.J.

Violations: Improper classification of construction workers; failing to properly classify employees; failure to pay overtime; unpaid wages/late payment; Earned Sick Leave records violations; Earned Sick Leave notification/posting violations; hindering investigation/failure to provide records; records – daily/weekly.

Employer: 506 Painting LLC of Irvington, N.J. (subcontractor)

Work Location: 1 Journal Square (South Tower, North Tower, and Podium), 10 Journal Square Plaza in Jersey City, New Jersey

Nature of Work: Painting

SWO Category: Construction

Details: 506 Painting LLC was hired to the project by Seton Painting of Garwood, N.J.

Violations: Improper classification of construction workers; failing to properly classify employees; Earned Sick Leave records violations; Earned Sick Leave notification/posting violations.

Employer: Exxon Development Corp. of Philadelphia, Pa. (subcontractor)

Work Location: 1 Journal Square (South Tower, North Tower, and Podium), 10 Journal Square Plaza in Jersey City, New Jersey

Nature of Work: Drywall

SWO Category: Construction

Details: Exxon Development Corp. was hired to the project by MJQ Drywall Group Corp. of Passaic, N.J., who was also issued a stop-work order.

Violations: Hindering an investigation/failure to provide records.

The following stop-work order was issued on June 3, 2025:

Employer: Oliveria General Services LLC of Edgewater Park N.J. (subcontractor)

Work Location: 1 Journal Square (South Tower, North Tower, and Podium), 10 Journal Square Plaza in Jersey City, New Jersey

Nature of Work: Drywall

SWO Category: Construction

Details: Oliveria General Services was hired to the project by MJQ Drywall Group Corp. of Passaic, N.J., who was also issued a stop-work order.

Violations: Improper classification of construction workers; failing to properly classify employees; no workers’ compensation insurance.

NJDOL has issued 192 stop-work orders since these powers were expanded in July 2019.

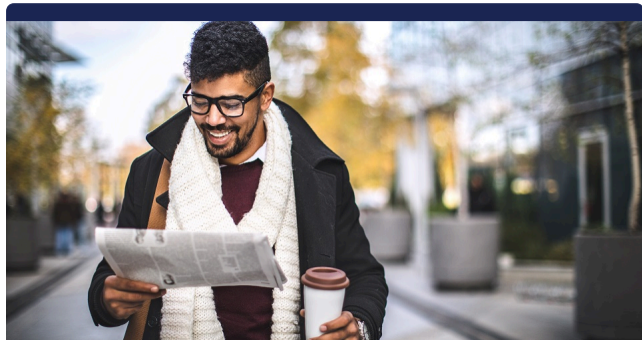
Stop-work orders are initiated by NJDOL to halt work being performed in a manner that exploits workers, or is otherwise noncompliant with state laws and regulations. An employer may appeal a stop-work order, in which case NJDOL has seven days to schedule a hearing.

NJDOL continues to monitor locations where stop-work orders have been issued, and can assess civil penalties of \$5,000 per day against an employer conducting business in violation of the order. 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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