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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 September 24, 2025:

Employer: Larry’s Asian Farm in Buena, N.J.

Employer Address: 231 Route 54, Buena, N.J. 08310

Nature of Work: Agricultural work

SWO Category: General Enforcement

Violations: No records provided; posting; hinderance; no Earned Sick Leave records; no notification/posting for Earned Sick Leave; failing to properly classify employees; unpaid wages/late payment; no statement of deductions.

Monetary Assessments: Wages \$78,978.55; Fees \$14,216.14; Penalties \$7,750.

Workers Affected: 1

NJDOL has issued 206 stop-work orders since these powers were expanded in July 2019.

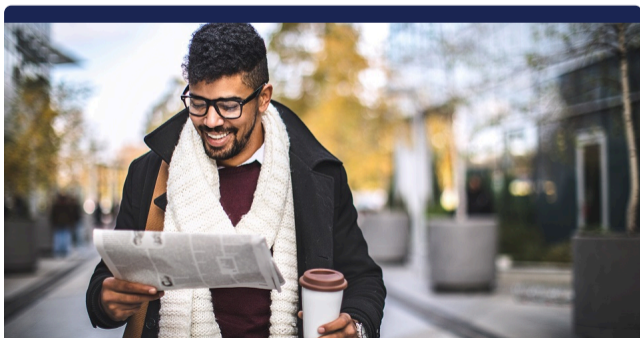
Stop-work orders are initiated by NJDOL to halt work being performed in a manner that exploits workers or is otherwise noncompliant with state laws and regulations. In General Enforcement cases, an assessment is made against a company found to be in violation of Wage and Hour laws and regulations. If 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 administrative fees have been paid and all related issues have been resolved.

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