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SE Nebraska Co-op Cited for Worker Death

TALMAGE, Neb. (AP) - Federal authorities have proposed to fine a southeast Nebraska co-op that operates a grain elevator where a worker was killed.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration says in a news release that the penalties proposed against Farmers Cooperative Co. total \$22,800.

On Jan. 29 a 69-year-old co-op worker died after a semitrailer truck backed into him at the elevator in Talmage. Authorities say he was standing in a street to direct a truck into the elevator when a second truck backed into him.

The worker, Roger Teten of Talmage, died later at a hospital.

OSHA says more safety violations were found at the elevator after an inspection.

The co-op's attorney, Jim Luers, said Tuesday the co-op will contest the penalties and the citations.

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