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OSHA: Falls City Company Wrongfully Fired Driver

FALLS CITY, Neb. (AP) - Federal regulators want to punish a Falls City company that the regulators say wrongfully fired a driver who refused to operate a truck that violated Iowa law.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration said in a news release Thursday that Jake Rieger Farms LLC violated federal whistleblower law. OSHA says Rieger should not have retaliated against an employee who wouldn't drive a truck that Iowa law enforcement had deemed unsafe.

OSHA proposes that Rieger Farms pay the driver \$25,000 in punitive damages and \$30,000 in compensatory damages, which includes back wages.

The incident occurred in January 2015.

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