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The Labor Department cited USX Corp. for numerous health and safety violations at two Pennsylvania plants , and proposed \$ 7.3 million in fines . , the largest penalty ever proposed for alleged workplace violations by an employer .

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The department 's Occupational Safety and Health Administration proposed fines of \$ 6.1 million for alleged violations at the company 's Fairless Hills , Pa. , steel mill ; that was a record for proposed penalties at any single facility .

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OSHA said there have been three worker fatalities at the two plants in the past two years and 17 deaths since 1972 .

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Gerard Scannell , the head of OSHA , said USX managers have known about many of the safety and health deficiencies at the plants for years . " yet have failed to take necessary action to counteract the hazards . "

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That settlement was in April 1987 .

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" Once we do , they will receive very serious evaluation , " the spokesman said .

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" No consideration is more important than the health and safety of our employees . "

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USX said it has been cooperating with OSHA since the agency began investigating the Clairton and Fairless works .

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He said that , if and when safety problems were identified , they were corrected .

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The USX citations represented the first sizable enforcement action taken by OSHA under Mr. Scannell .

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