

National Nuclear Security Administration Fact Sheet

Preliminary Notice of Violation: Nuclear Safety Violations at Los Alamos National Laboratory

On August 25, 2015, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) for violations of Department of Energy (DOE) nuclear safety requirements. LANS is the management and operating contractor to DOE's NNSA Los Alamos National Laboratory located in Los Alamos, NM.

The PNOV cites failures to comply with DOE nuclear safety requirements established in 10 C.F.R. Part 830, *Nuclear Safety Management*.

NNSA identified one Severity Level I violation and five Severity Level II violations in the areas of: (1) work processes, (2) roles and responsibilities, (3) training and qualification, and (4) quality improvement.

NNSA did not issue a civil penalty based on consideration of prior contract fee actions taken through performance evaluation reports and in consideration of mitigation for corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

Section 234A of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, authorizes the NNSA to take regulatory actions under 10 C.F.R. Part 820, *Procedural Rules for DOE Nuclear Activities*, against NNSA contractors for violations of DOE nuclear safety requirements. DOE's enforcement program encourages Departmental contractors to identify and correct nuclear safety deficiencies at an early stage, before they contribute to, or result in more serious events.

Additional details on this and other enforcement actions are available on the DOE website at <http://energy.gov/ea/services/enforcement>.