

U.S. Department of Energy Cites Advanced Industrial Services, Inc. for Worker Safety and Health Program Violations

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to Advanced Industrial Services, Inc. (AIS) for violations of worker safety and health requirements. Worker safety is a priority for the Department, and DOE’s enforcement program supports this priority by holding contractors accountable for meeting regulatory requirements and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace.

The violations are associated with an injury that occurred on February 12, 2020, during abrasive blasting operations inside tank 82 at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory that resulted in the injury of a worker’s right forearm, requiring in-patient hospitalization for six days and skin graft treatments.

The PNOV cites one Severity Level I violation of requirements enforceable under 10 C.F.R. Part 851, *Worker Safety and Health Program* in the areas of: (1) management responsibilities, (2) hazard prevention and abatement, (3) construction safety, and (4) emergency response. DOE proposes a civil penalty of \$10,600.00 based on the safety significance of the violation.

Section 234C of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, authorizes the Department to pursue regulatory enforcement under 10 C.F.R. Part 851 against DOE contractors for violations of worker safety and health requirements. DOE’s enforcement program encourages contractors to identify and correct worker safety and health program deficiencies at an early stage, before they contribute to, or result in more serious safety and health events.

AIS worked as a subcontractor at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.

Additional details of this PNOV are available on the DOE website at:
<https://www.energy.gov/ea/listings/notices-violation>