

U.S. Department of Energy Cites Mid-America Conversion Services, LLC for Nuclear Safety 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 Mid-America Conversion Services, LLC (MCS) for violations of DOE nuclear safety requirements. DOE's enforcement program holds contractors accountable for meeting regulatory requirements and maintaining a safe workplace.

The violations are associated with allegations of nuclear safety deficiencies at the Portsmouth Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion (DUF6) facility that occurred between 2019 and 2022. The PNOV cites three Severity Level II violations of requirements enforceable under 10 C.F.R. Part 820, *Procedural Rules for DOE Nuclear Activities*. MCS is cited for violations of 10 C.F.R. Part 830, *Nuclear Safety Management*.

DOE proposes a civil penalty of \$382,500 based on the safety significance of the violations.

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

MCS is the management and operating contractor for the DUF6 facility located in Pike County, Ohio.

Additional details on this PNOV is available on the DOE website at:
<http://energy.gov/ea/services/enforcement/notices-violation>