

U.S. Department of Energy Cites Engert, LLC for Worker Safety and Health Program Violations

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Tuesday, August 5, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to Engert, LLC (Engert) for violations of worker safety and health requirements. DOE's enforcement program holds contractors accountable for meeting regulatory requirements and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace.

The violations are associated with a worker who sustained serious injuries during a material handling activity at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory's Translational Research Capability (TRC) project construction site on July 14, 2023. The PNOV cites one Severity Level I violation of requirements enforceable under 10 C.F.R. Part 851, *Worker Safety and Health Program*. Engert is cited for violations in the areas of management responsibilities, hazard prevention and abatement, safety and health standards, construction safety, and training and information.

DOE proposes a civil penalty of \$59,000 to Engert based on the safety significance of the violations and in consideration of Engert's timely implementation of comprehensive corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

Section 234C of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, authorizes the Energy 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.

Engert was a mechanical construction subcontractor for The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company (Whiting-Turner). Whiting-Turner was the general construction subcontractor to UT-Battelle, LLC (UT-Battelle) for the TRC project. UT-Battelle is the management and operating contractor for the Oak Ridge National Laboratory located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

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