

National Nuclear Security Administration Fact Sheet

Preliminary Notice of Violation: Classified Information Security Violations at Nevada National Security Sites' Special Technologies Laboratory

On October 16, 2026, the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to Mission Support and Test Services, LLC (MSTS) for violations of DOE's classified information security program requirements. MSTS is the management and operating contractor to DOE/NNSA's Special Technologies Laboratory located in Santa Barbara, California.

The PNOV cites failures to comply with classified information security requirements established under 10 C.F.R. Part 824, *Procedural Rules for the Assessment of Civil Penalties for Classified Information Security Violations*.

DOE/NNSA identified one Severity Level I violation, two Severity Level II violations, and one Severity Level III violation involving: (1) processing classified information on unapproved information systems and classified information protection and control; (2) identifying classified information; (3) conducting adequate and thorough self-assessments; and (4) conducting timely and thorough Incident of Security Concern inquiries.

DOE/NNSA has proposed a civil penalty of \$196,350 based on the security significance of the violations, the security program weaknesses associated with this security event, and in consideration of mitigation for corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

Section 234B of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, authorizes DOE/NNSA to take regulatory actions under 10 C.F.R. Part 824, *Procedural Rules for the Assessment of Civil Penalties for Classified Information Security Violations*, against DOE/NNSA contractors for violations of classified information security requirements. DOE's enforcement program encourages contractors to identify and correct classified information security deficiencies at an early stage, before they contribute to, or result in more serious events.