

## Fact Sheet

### **Preliminary Notice of Violation: Classified Information Security Event at NNSS**

On September 26, 2014, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to National Security Technologies, LLC (NSTec) for violations of Department of Energy (DOE) classified information security program requirements. NSTec is the management and operating contractor to DOE's NNSA Nevada National Security Site (NNSS), located in Las Vegas, Nevada. NNSA has proposed a civil penalty of \$110,000 based on the significance of the violations, the security program weaknesses associated with this security event, and in consideration of mitigation for corrective actions.

NSTec is cited for failure to comply with classified information security requirements contained in 10 C.F.R. Part 1045, *Nuclear Classification and Declassification*, as well as Departmental safeguards and security directives. The PNOV identified four Severity Level II violations involving the failure to: (1) obtain a requisite classification review; (2) process classified information on approved information systems and maintain required cyber sanitization documentation; (3) conduct an adequate and thorough incident of security concern inquiry; and (4) protect and adequately control classified information.

The Atomic Energy Act of 1954 section 234B authorizes the Energy Department to take regulatory actions under Title 10 C.F.R. Part 824, *Procedural Rules for the Assessment of Civil Penalties for Classified Information Security Violations*, against DOE contractors for violations of classified information security requirements. DOE's Enforcement Program encourages Departmental contractors to identify and correct classified information security 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://www.energy.gov/ea/services/enforcement/notices-violation>.