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Preliminary Notice of Violation: Seven Safety and Health Violations at Sandia National Laboratories

On September 25, 2014, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to Sandia Corporation for seven safety and health violations at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The PNOV cites a series of violations related to the fire and explosion that occurred at SNL in 2011. Violations are related to: (1) hazard identification and assessment, (2) hazard prevention and abatement, (3) safety and health standards, (4) training and information, (5) management responsibility, (6) pressure safety, and (7) occupational medicine.

The National Nuclear Security Administration grouped the violations as four Severity Level I violations and three Severity Level II violations with a proposed base civil penalty of \$412,500. Based on several mitigating factors, NNSA waived the civil penalty for this enforcement action.

The Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 authorizes NNSA to take regulatory actions under 10 C.F.R. Part 851, Worker Safety and Health Program, against Department of Energy (DOE) contractors for violations of its worker safety and health requirements. DOE's Enforcement Program encourages Departmental contractors to identify and correct worker safety and health 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 at:
<http://www.energy.gov/ea/services/enforcement/notices-violation>.