

National Nuclear Security Administration Fact Sheet

Preliminary Notices of Violation: Worker Safety and Health Violations at Los Alamos National Laboratory

On November 6, 2020, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to Triad National Security, LLC, (Triad) for violations of the Department of Energy's (DOE) worker safety and health requirements. Triad is the management and operating contractor of NNSA's Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) located in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

The violations are associated with a material-handling event in which a lifting hook attachment and load detached from a skid-steer, struck, and seriously injured a subcontractor worker at LANL in December 2018. The PNOV cites failures to comply with worker safety and health requirements established at 10 C.F.R. Part 851, *Worker Safety and Health Program*.

NNSA identified three Severity Level I violations in the areas of: (1) management responsibilities; (2) hazard identification, assessment, prevention and abatement; and (3) occupational medicine.

The NNSA Los Alamos Field Office imposed a \$1,725,000 contract fee reduction for safety and health performance deficiencies, including the worker safety and health violations associated with this event.

As a result of DOE's investigation that concluded with this PNOV, NNSA also issued a PNOV to a Triad subcontractor, Cross Connection, Inc., for safety and health violations associated with two material-handling events that occurred at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in 2018, including the worker injury described above.

Section 234C of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, authorizes NNSA to take regulatory actions under 10 C.F.R. Part 851 against NNSA 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.

Additional details on this and other enforcement actions are available on the DOE website at <https://energy.gov/ea/services/enforcement>.