

National Nuclear Security Administration Fact Sheet

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

On June 10, 2022, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to Centerra-Los Alamos (CLA) for violations of worker safety and health requirements. CLA is the protective force services subcontractor to the Department of Energy's (DOE) NNSA Los Alamos National Laboratory located in Los Alamos, NM.

The violations are associated with a live fire near miss event at the NNSA Los Alamos National Laboratory on June 1, 2020. 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 two Severity Level I violations in the areas of: (1) management responsibilities and firearms safety, and (2) hazard identification, assessment, prevention and abatement, and training and information.

NNSA proposes a civil penalty of \$106,000 based on the safety significance of the violations and in consideration of mitigation for corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

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

In addition, DOE's Office of Enforcement issued an Enforcement Letter to Triad National Security, LLC (Triad) to express safety and health concerns related to their role in the event. While Triad reacted promptly to the live fire event, they did not adequately oversee subcontractor range operations or work controls to protect employees from recognized hazards associated with live fire operations.

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