

U.S. Department of Energy Cites North Wind Portage, Inc. for Worker Safety and Health Program Violations

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to North Wind Portage, Inc. (NWP) for violations of worker safety and health requirements. DOE’s enforcement program holds contractors accountable for meeting regulatory requirements and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace.

The violations are associated with a crush injury to the left hand of a worker during track roller replacement maintenance activities at the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Project Site on December 15, 2021. The PNOV cites two Severity Level I violations and one Severity Level II violation of requirements enforceable under 10 C.F.R. Part 851, *Worker Safety and Health Program*. NWP is cited for violations in the areas of: (1) hazard identification and assessment, (2) hazard prevention and abatement, and (3) emergency response and training and information.

DOE proposes a civil penalty of \$222,600 based on the safety significance of the violations and in consideration of NWP’s implementation of corrective actions to prevent recurrence.

Section 234C of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, authorizes the Energy Department to pursue regulatory enforcement under 10 C.F.R. Part 851 against DOE 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.

NWP is the remedial action contractor for the Moab UMTRA Project Site located in Moab, Utah.

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