National Nuclear Security Administration
Fact Sheet

Preliminary Notice of Violation: Worker Safety and Health Violations at [Nevada National Security Site]

On August 17, 2017, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to National Security Technologies, LLC (NSTec) for violations of worker safety and health requirements. NSTec is the management and operating contractor to the Department of Energy’s (DOE) NNSA Nevada National Security Site located in Las Vegas, NV.

The violations are associated with an electrical shock event that occurred at the Nevada National Security Site on August 5, 2016. The PNOV cites failures to comply with worker safety and health requirements established under 10 C.F.R. Part 851, Worker Safety and Health Program.

NNSA identified two Severity Level I violations and one Severity Level II violations in the areas of: (1) hazard identification, assessment, prevention, and abatement; (2) electrical safety; and (3) training and information.

NNSA proposes a civil penalty of $112,500 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.

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