

Fact Sheet

Preliminary Notice of Violation: Sulfuric Acid Burn Event at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

On September 25, 2014, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) to Lawrence Livermore National Security, LLC (LLNS) for violations of Department of Energy (DOE) worker safety and health program requirements. LLNS is the management and operating contractor for NNSA's Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory LLNL, located in Livermore, California.

The PNOV cites six violations related to the sulfuric acid burn event that occurred at LLNL in 2013. Violations are related to: (1) hazard identification, assessment, prevention and abatement, (2) safety and health standards, (3) emergency response, (4) industrial hygiene, (5) management responsibilities, and (6) pressure safety.

NNSA grouped the violations as four Severity Level I violations and two Severity Level II violations. The NNSA Livermore Field Office imposed a \$365,000 contract fee reduction on LLNS for the worker safety and health violations associated with the event. LLNS is implementing a corrective action plan that addresses the violations cited in the PNOV.

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 NNSA contractors for violations of DOE 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>