

EA 2006-05

EFCOG-PAAAWG

April 17-19, 2007

Worker Uptake, Americium Offsite Contamination,
and Independent Oversight Inspection

Los Alamos National Laboratory

Violations – Severity Level I

- Work Controls Adequacy
- Work Controls Implementation
- Quality Improvement
- Assessments
- ALARA/Rad workplace controls

Issue: Delay in PNOV

- Uptake: March 2005
- Americium offsite: July 2005
- DOE/ESH Inspection: Nov 2005
- LANS, LLC assumes LANL Contract: June 1, 2006
- Meeting UC/DOE OE: August 6, 2006
- PNOV Issued: February 16, 2007

PNOV forwarded to LANS,LLC

- NNSA will work with OE
- Reminder that LANS, LLC will pay civil penalties
- “My expectation is that the prompt and aggressive completion of corrective actionswill be your highest priorities....This expectation will serve as the standard to which I will hold you during future enforcement deliberations, should they become necessary.”

Result

- Crosswalk of the 15 noncompliances with past and present corrective actions
- Contractor Assurance Office will verify and validate closed actions
- New actions will be proposed to the Institution Management Review Board to address gaps

Delay in Issuing PNOV

- OE LANL Investigator Retired
- OE Reorganized to HSS
- OE Director retired
- NNSA PAAA POC retired
- Loss of institutional knowledge

Lessons Learned

- Did not conduct onsite fact gathering
- Contract transition issues
- No formal Enforcement Conference