



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

August 23, 2021

Mr. Sean Dunagan  
President and Project Manager  
Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC  
4021 National Parks Highway  
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Dear Mr. Dunagan:

This letter serves as notification of the Office of Enterprise Assessments' Office of Enforcement's decision to conduct an investigation into Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC's (NWP) development and implementation of job hazard analyses for maintenance activities (including NWP's equipment design and modification processes), emergency medical response program, and the facts and circumstances surrounding a transporter hand injury (amputation) event at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant on May 25, 2021.

The Office of Enforcement will conduct this investigation pursuant to the authority set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 851.40(a), *Investigations and inspections*. The investigation will include an onsite and/or virtual interviews with contractor personnel.

A request for documents to support this investigation will be provided separately via e-mail. Your cooperation to ensure timely submission of all documents to our office is appreciated.

Under the Major Fraud Act (MFA), as amended, 41 U.S.C. § 4310, this investigation may be a proceeding commenced by the United States that relates to a violation of, or the failure to comply with, a Federal regulation. Costs incurred in connection with such a proceeding are subject to the reimbursement restrictions of the MFA implemented at 48 C.F.R. § 31.205-47. As a result, NWP should track any costs incurred that are directly attributable to supporting DOE's investigation, subsequent to receipt of this letter, and segregate them from other potentially allowable costs.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 903-4033, or your staff may contact Mr. Robert Hailstone, Director, Office of Worker Safety and Health Enforcement, at (301) 903-0100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin L. Dressman".

Kevin L. Dressman

Director

Office of Enforcement

Office of Enterprise Assessments



cc: Reinhard Knerr, CBFO  
Michael Hendrickson, Nuclear Waste Partnership, LLC