



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

December 14, 2022

Mr. Dutch Conrad
President and Project Manager
Mid-America Conversion Services, LLC
1020 Monarch St. Suite 300
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Dear Mr. Conrad:

This letter serves as notification of the Office of Enterprise Assessments, Office of Enforcement's decision to conduct an investigation into the facts and circumstances associated with allegations of nuclear safety deficiencies occurring at the Portsmouth Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion (DUF6) facilities. The allegations concern deficiencies in the adequacy of training and qualifications, performance of work, and quality improvement.

The Office of Enforcement will conduct this investigation pursuant to the authority set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 820.21, *Investigations*. The investigation will include an onsite visit and 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 requested documents to our office by the requested date 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 is subject to the reimbursement restrictions of the MFA implemented at 48 C.F.R. § 31.205-47. As a result, Mid-America Conversion Services, LLC 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony C. Pierpoint", is written over a horizontal line.

Anthony C. Pierpoint
Director
Office of Enforcement
Office of Enterprise Assessments

cc: Joel B. Bradburne, PPPO
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