



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Dr. James S. Peery  
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Dear Dr. Peery:

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 a worker sustaining a fingertip amputation and crush injuries to their right middle finger at Sandia National Laboratories Weapons Evaluation Test Laboratory located at the Department of Energy's (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration Pantex Plant on March 29, 2023. National Technology and Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC (NTESS) reported potential noncompliances associated with this event into the DOE Noncompliance Tracking System under NTS-NA-SFO-NTESS-7000-2023-0010651, dated June 1, 2023.

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, NTESS 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 Ms. Shannon Holman, Director, Office of Worker Safety and Health Enforcement, at (301) 903-0100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony C. Pierpoint', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

cc: Daryl Hauck, NA-SN  
Randy Castillo, National Technology and  
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