



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

August 3, 2023

Dr. Richard J. Tighe  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Dr. Tighe:

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 the loss of multiple documented nuclear criticality controls during demolition of a legacy machine in the enriched uranium machining area of Building 9215 on April 14, 2023. Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC (CNS) reported potential noncompliances associated with this event into the Department of Energy's (DOE) Noncompliance Tracking System under NTS-NA-NPO-CNS-Y12NUCLEAR-2023-0010650, dated May 25, 2023.

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 email. 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, CNS 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 Jacob M. Miller, Director, Office of Nuclear Safety Enforcement, at (301) 903-7707.

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: Teresa Robbins, NPO  
Katherine Brack, Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC