



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

August 21, 2023

Mr. Dutch Conrad
President and Project Manager
Mid-America Conversion Services, LLC
1020 Monarch Street/Suite 300
Lexington, Kentucky 40513

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 a worker who experienced symptoms of potential overexposure to toluene on March 9, 2023, which occurred while applying adhesive inside tank 552 during a tank relining project at the Depleted Uranium Hexafluoride Conversion Facility in Paducah, Kentucky. Mid-America Conversion Services, LLC (MCS) reported potential noncompliances associated with this event into the Department of Energy's (DOE) Noncompliance Tracking System under NTS-EM-PPPO-MCS-0010627, dated April 24, 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 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 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, MCS 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".

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



cc: Joel Bradburne, PPPO
Carisa Kremin, Mid-America Conversion Services, LLC