



Department of Energy

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Dr. Kelly Beierschmitt
President and General Manager
PanTeXas Deterrence, LLC
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Dear Dr. Beierschmitt:

This letter serves as notification of the Office of Enforcement's decision to conduct an investigation into the facts and circumstances associated with an incident of security concern involving an unattended and improperly protected classified desktop computer at the National Nuclear Security Administration's Pantex Plant, located in Amarillo, Texas. PanTeXas Deterrence, LLC (PXD) discovered the security incident in November 2025 and reported the incident closure in the Department of Energy's Safeguards and Security Information Management System in February 2026.

The Office of Enforcement will conduct this investigation pursuant to the authority set forth in 10 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 824.5, *Investigations*. Although investigating the instance of an unattended and improperly protected classified desktop computer will be the general purpose of this investigation, additional issues relating to the scope, nature, and extent of compliance by PXD with DOE's information security requirements specified in 10 C.F.R. Part 824, *Procedural Rules for the Assessment of Civil Penalties for Classified Information Security Violations*, may be pursued as issues arise during the investigation. The investigation will include an onsite visit and interviews with contractor personnel.

Any requests for documents to support this investigation will be provided separately via one or more e-mails. Your cooperation to ensure timely submission of all documents by the requested date is appreciated.

For covered contracts according to 41 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 4301 and 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, any costs incurred that are directly attributable to supporting DOE's investigation should be tracked, subsequent to receipt of this letter, and segregated from other potentially allowable costs.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 903-7707, or your staff may contact Ms. Carrienne Zimmerman, Director, Office of Security Enforcement, at (301) 351-1186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robin M. Keeler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robin" and last name "Keeler" clearly legible, and "M." as a middle initial.

Robin M. Keeler
Acting Director
Office of Enforcement
Office of Enterprise Assessments

cc: Kathy Brack, PanTeXas Deterrence, LLC
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