

## **Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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Dr. Thomas Mason Laboratory Director Triad National Security, LLC Los Alamos National Laboratory Bikini Atoll Rd., SM 30 Los Alamos, New Mexico 87545

Dear Dr. Mason:

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 an event where a subcontractor worker was seriously injured when he was struck by a falling lifting hook attachment from a skid steer loader at the Los Alamos National Laboratory on December 19, 2018. Triad National Security, LLC (Triad) reported a potential noncompliance associated with this event into the Department of Energy's (DOE) Noncompliance Tracking System under NTS-NA-LAFO-TRIAD-BOP-2019-0008733, dated February 25, 2019. The scope of the investigation will include Triad's involvement in implementing and sustaining corrective actions associated with a July 18, 2018, subcontractor worker concussion event involving the same subcontractor.

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 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 are subject to the reimbursement restrictions of the MFA implemented at 48 C.F.R. § 31.205-47. As a result, Triad should track any costs incurred that are directly attributable to supporting the 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) 903-7707 or your staff may contact Dr. Anthony Pierpoint, Director, Office of Worker Safety and Health Enforcement, at (301) 903-0100.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Dressman

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Office of Enforcement

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