



Department of Energy

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Dr. Stuart Henderson
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Dear Dr. Henderson:

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 potential deficiencies in Jefferson Science Associates, LLC's (JSA) implementation of the Department of Energy's (DOE) hazardous energy control requirements and recent events involving the absence of hazardous energy controls. Two of those events include an April 26, 2019, event during which a technician was shocked and sustained first and second degree burns while troubleshooting a high voltage radio frequency separator, and a June 7, 2019, event during which a student researcher was exposed to hazardous laser energy that resulted in a near miss eye injury while inspecting fiber cables on a Class 4 infrared laser.

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, JSA 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.



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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,



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Director

Office of Enforcement

Office of Enterprise Assessments

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