



**Department of Energy**  
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Dr. Thomas Mason  
Laboratory Director  
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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 two events where workers entered rooms while low oxygen alarms were activated at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. During the first event on August 12, 2019, several workers entered a high bay room with an oxygen deficient atmosphere. Triad National Security, LLC (Triad) reported potential noncompliances associated with this event into the Department of Energy's (DOE) Noncompliance Tracking System under NTS-NA-LAFO-TRIAD-NUCSAFGRDS-2019-0009840, dated September 27, 2019. The second event occurred on November 4, 2019, when a worker entered a laboratory while a low oxygen alarm was activated but obscured by the level of ambient noise in the area. The scope of the investigation will include Triad's implementation of processes, procedures, and actions to protect workers from recognized hazards associated with oxygen deficient environments.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin L. Dressman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin L Dressman  
Director  
Office of Enforcement  
Office of Enterprise Assessments

cc: Michael Weis, NA-LA  
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