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Dr. Thomas Mason
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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 facts and circumstances associated with the implementation of the firearms safety program and the facts and circumstances associated with the live fire near miss event that occurred on June 1, 2020, at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. Triad National Security, LLC reported potential noncompliances associated with this event into the Department of Energy's (DOE) Noncompliance Tracking System under NTS-NA-LAFO-TRIAD-FIRNGHELAB-2020-0010041, dated September 4, 2020.

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 and subcontractor 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, 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 Robert Hailstone, Director, Office of Worker Safety and Health Enforcement, at (301) 903-0100.

Sincerely,

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Director

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