



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 21, 2018

Mr. Leonard Blackford
President & Chief Executive Officer
CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company
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Richland, Washington 99352

Dear Mr. Blackford:

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 the spread of radiological contamination outside of the established radiological boundary of the Plutonium Finishing Plant at Hanford in 2017 and 2018.

The Office of Enforcement will conduct this investigation pursuant to the authority set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 820.21, *Investigations*. 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, CH2M HILL Plateau Remediation Company 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 Mr. Jon Thompson, Director, Office of Nuclear Safety Enforcement, at (301) 903-1134.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin L. Dressman".

Kevin L. Dressman
Acting Director
Office of Enforcement
Office of Enterprise Assessments

cc: Doug Shoop, DOE-RL
Lynn Nye, CHPRC

