



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. John D. Woolery  
President and Project Manager  
Portsmouth and Paducah DUF<sub>6</sub> Project  
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Dear Mr. Woolery:

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 potassium hydroxide injury event at the Portsmouth DUF<sub>6</sub> Conversion Plant on March 25, 2015. BWXT Conversion Services, LLC, (BWCS), formerly Babcock & Wilcox Conversion Services, LLC, reported this event into the Department of Energy's (DOE) Occurrence Reporting and Processing System under EM-PPPO-BWCS-PORTDUCON-2015-0003, dated April 13, 2015.

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 the 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, BWCS 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.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact me at (301) 903-7707 or your staff may contact Mr. Kevin Dressman, Director, Office of Worker Safety and Health Enforcement, at (301) 903-0100.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Simonson  
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Office of Enforcement  
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