



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

July 17, 2015

Mr. John J. Grossenbacher  
President and Laboratory Director  
Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC  
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Dear Mr. Grossenbacher:

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 a near miss arc flash event involving three linemen performing preventative maintenance at the Idaho National Laboratory, Central Facilities Area Scoville Substation, on April 23, 2015. Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC (BEA) reported potential noncompliances associated with this event into the Department of Energy's (DOE) Noncompliance Tracking System under NTS-ID--BEA-CFA-2015-0001, dated May 14, 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, BEA 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. Kevin Dressman, Director, Office of Worker Safety and Health Enforcement, at (301) 903-0100.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven C. Simonson".

Steven C. Simonson

Director

Office of Enforcement

Office of Enterprise Assessments



cc: Richard Provencher, NE-ID  
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