



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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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 the facts and circumstances associated with two incidents of security concern involving the unauthorized disclosure of classified information at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. UT-Battelle, LLC (UT-Battelle) reported the closure of the security incidents into the Department of Energy's (DOE) Safeguards and Security Information Management System in August 2016.

The Office of Enforcement will conduct this investigation pursuant to the authority set forth in 10 C.F.R. § 824.5, *Investigations*. The investigation will include an onsite visit and interviews with contractor personnel. The investigation is scheduled for October 31 through November 3, 2016. 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, UT-Battelle 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 Ms. Carrienne Zimmerman, Director, Office of Security Enforcement, at (301) 903-0107.

Sincerely,

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

Steven C. Simonson
Director
Office of Enforcement
Office of Enterprise Assessments



cc: Johnny Moore, SC-OSO
Debbie Jenkins, UT-Battelle