

October 18, 2005

CH2M Hill  
Attn: General Counsel's Office  
9191 South Jamaica Street  
Englewood, CO 80112

Dear General Counsel of CH2M Hill:

The Project On Government Oversight (POGO) is overhauling and renewing its Federal Contractor Misconduct Database ([www.pogo.org/db/index.cfm](http://www.pogo.org/db/index.cfm)), a compilation of information from public resources regarding government contractors, including CH2M Hill. I have enclosed the findings relevant to CH2M Hill and am requesting verification or refutation of the data from you by Friday, November 4, 2005.

Any response would be greatly appreciated, as the accuracy of this information is in the best interest of all parties. Out of fairness to CH2M Hill, please be assured that any response received by POGO will be posted on the website along with the data.

Changes to the database include: the addition of more current instances, removal of Superfund cleanup costs, and removal of information that could not be verified with official documents. Additionally, pending cases will still be included, but this information will be kept separate from the resolved cases and will not be included in any totals.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (202) 347-1122. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Phelps  
Project Director

Enclosure

## Instances of Misconduct

1.

Case Name: N/A

Date: 3/10/2005, Date of PNOV

Misconduct Type: Labor

Contracting Party: Government Civilian

Court Type: Administrative

Amount: \$316,250

Disposition: Fine

Synopsis:

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Price-Anderson Enforcement (OE) at the Hanford Tank Farms issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) citing violations of CH2M Hill Hanford Group "involving four radiological and operational events occurring during 2003 and 2004. The events included (1) [a] June 2003 multiple personnel contamination event ...; (2) [a] November 2003 Technical Safety Requirement violation during a cross-site waste transfer; (3) [a] November 2003 valve positioning error during S-112 waste retrieval operations; and (4) [a] July 2004 extremity exposure during thermocouple removal activities."

Documents:

DOE PNOV

<http://www.eh.doe.gov/enforce/eas/EA-2005-01WS.pdf>

2.

Case Name: N/A

Date: 8/29/2003, Date of PNOV

Misconduct Type: Labor

Contracting Party: Government Civilian

Court Type: Administrative

Amount: \$82,500

Disposition: Fine

Synopsis:

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Price-Anderson Enforcement (OE) at the Hanford Tank Farms issued a Preliminary Notice of Violation (PNOV) citing violations of CH2M Hill Hanford Group (CHG) involving "noncompliances in the areas of (1) quality improvement, for which compensatory and/or longer term corrective actions identified and implemented by CHG failed to correct known quality problems, (2) management and independent assessments which lacked both the frequency and

depth of review that would be expected from an effective management or independent assessment program, (3) work processes which demonstrated numerous failures to follow established procedure, and (4) organizational behavior in which some CHG personnel demonstrated a profound inattention to detail, reluctance to report events, and attempts to conceal saltwell overfills.”

Documents:

DOE PNOV

<http://www.eh.doe.gov/enforce/eas/ea200306.pdf>