

December 2, 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), a compilation of information from public resources regarding government contractors, including CH2M Hill. On October 18, 2005, I sent you information regarding findings relevant to CH2M Hill, which I have enclosed for your reference. As of today, I have not received a response from your office.

A written response is certainly in the best interest of everyone involved. It is the best way for your company to go on record regarding this process and the instances identified; your letter will be posted in its entirety on the database. Several companies have already responded and have expressed appreciation for the opportunity to express their views. POGO would prefer to receive a response by December 31, 2005 to ensure it is included with the launch of our new database.

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>