



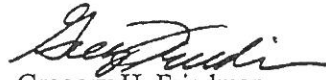
Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM:


Gregory H. Friedman
Inspector General

SUBJECT

INFORMATION: Cooperation with the Office of Inspector General
Review of Employment Termination of Donna Busche

On March 6, 2014, the Chief of Staff requested that my office review the facts and circumstances surrounding the dismissal of Ms. Donna Busche by URS Corporation. Recognizing the importance that you attach to the timely completion of our work, my office has diligently pursued scheduling interviews with key URS and BNI employees who may have pertinent information related to the dismissal. Both URS and BNI asked us to work through their respective outside counsel due to "pending litigation."

Unfortunately, the firms representing URS and BNI have been slow in cooperating with our requests to schedule interviews with specific employees. In fact, despite multiple requests, attorneys representing these contractors have not provided us with a firm schedule for the interviews. Of the 23 interviews we have requested, we have only been able to interview 3 employees.

For our part, we have dedicated the resources necessary to expeditiously complete our work. For this reason, and in the interest of bringing this important matter to a timely conclusion, we find the responses from both URS and BNI and their attorneys to be unacceptable. We have conveyed our concerns to them.

I will keep you informed about the status of this matter as we move forward.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

cc: Deputy Secretary
Chief of Staff
Deputy Chief of Staff

