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The Honorable Gregory H. Friedman
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Dear Inspector General Friedman:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Friday, April 20, 2007, at the hearing entitled "The Department of Energy's Response to Ongoing Mismanagement at the Los Alamos National Labs (LANL)." We appreciate the time and effort you gave as a witness before the Subcommittee.

Under the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open to permit Members to submit additional questions to the witnesses. Attached are questions directed to you from certain Members of the Committee. In preparing your answers to these questions, please address your response to the Member who has submitted the question(s) and include the text of the Member's question along with your response. In the event you have been asked questions from more than one Member of the Committee, please begin the responses to each Member on a new page.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, your responses to these questions should be received no later than the close of business **Friday, July 13, 2007**. Your written responses should be delivered to **316 Ford House Office Building** and faxed to **202-225-5288** to the attention of Kyle Chapman, Legislative Clerk. An electronic version of your response should also be sent by e-mail to Mr. Kyle Chapman at kyle.chapman@mail.house.gov in a single Word formatted document.

The Honorable Gregory H. Friedman
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. If you need additional information or have other questions, please contact Kyle Chapman at (202) 226-2424.

Sincerely,



JOHN D. DINGELL
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Attachment

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Bart Stupak, Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

The Honorable Bart Stupak

1. Did your office investigate the Internet posting of names and social security numbers by Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) subcontractor, Lujan Software Services?
2. What are the findings from this investigation, and what accountability measures should be taken with respect to this breach of private employee information? Were there violations of law arising out the posting of this information on the Internet?
3. What are your specific objections to the Los Alamos National Labs (LANL) pilot project as outlined in the memo from Linton Brooks to Ed Wilmot from 2006? Please list the specific objections that were communicated to the Department of Energy or the National Nuclear Security Administration regarding this pilot project.
4. To whom did your office raise objections regarding the LANL pilot? On what date(s) were the objections raised? Were these objections put in writing?
5. Should the LANL Pilot project, which involves increased contractor self-assurance and third part verification, be revoked, and should a more robust Federal oversight model be reinstated?

The Honorable Marsha Blackburn

1. Last year, there were cases of federal contractors hiring illegal immigrants for sensitive sites. Have there been any recent cases of illegal immigrants working at Los Alamos? Follow up: Are current security background checks sufficient to prevent this from happening?
2. Has Los Alamos established a timeline to correct deficiencies cited by the IG and the task forces?
3. Does the current contract with Los Alamos National Security, LLC (LANS) have performance measures and liability provisions based on adequate management and security safeguards?
4. One concern that keeps recurring is the difficulty to change the site culture. Please describe the site culture at Los Alamos to this subcommittee and if it interferes with improvements.
5. Poor facility management has been a serious problem for many years. Has DOE, NNSA, or LANS acted to your satisfaction to remedy this problem?
6. Should the lab be closed until adequate security and management measures are implemented?