

**BEFORE THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

In the Matter of :

WALTER TAMOSAITIS,

Complainant,

v.

**URS, INC., BECHTEL NATIONAL, INC.,
and THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY,**

Respondents.

CASE NO. 0-1960-10-038

**DECLARATION OF DALE E.
KNUTSON**

I, DALE E. KNUTSON, subject to the penalties of perjury, declare the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. I am the Federal Project Director for the Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) Project at the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of River Protection (ORP). I have served in this capacity since June 1, 2010. In my capacity as Federal Project Director, my primary authority and responsibility is to develop, optimize, and integrate all requirements to design, commission, construct, and operate the WTP within the broad framework of policies established by DOE for safe and effective operation of the Hanford site.

2. The Human Resources Management Division maintains a system of records that lists the names of individuals who are, or have previously been, DOE employees. A review of that system conducted by Human Resources staff under my cognizance has revealed that Dr. Walter Tamosaitis has never been a federal employee at the DOE Richland Operations Office (RL) or ORP.

3. DOE has a contract with Bechtel National, Inc. (BNI) to construct and commission the Waste Treatment Plant (WTP) on the Hanford Site. BNI has a subcontract with URS, Inc. to complete work scope under the WTP contract. BNI is responsible for administering its contract with URS.

4. BNI and URS are responsible for managing and supervising their employees. DOE does not manage or supervise BNI or URS employees.

5. DOE did not hire Dr. Walter Tamosaitis and had no authority to terminate his employment with URS or to affect a transfer of his employment within URS. DOE did not manage, supervise, or control the manner or means by which Dr. Tamosaitis performed or accomplished his duties. DOE had no authority to instruct Dr. Tamosaitis when or how long he must work. No DOE employee supervised or managed Dr. Tamosaitis' work or evaluated his work performance.

6. To the best of my knowledge, URS paid, and continues to pay, Dr. Tamosaitis' salary and employee benefits.

7. I did not direct BNI or URS to take any specific actions with regards to Dr. Tamosaitis.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at Richland, Washington, this 11th day of February, 2011.



DALE E. KNUTSON

Federal Project Director, Waste Treatment Plant
DOE, Office of River Protection