OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DEPARTMENT RECOUPS $1.9 MILLION AS A RESULT OF $3.9 MILLION CIVIL SETTLEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT MISCHARGING AT LLNL

The U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division, entered into a settlement agreement with the University of California, as operator of the Department's LLNL, in the amount of $3,897,366 to settle a Civil False Claim Action for mischarging at LLNL. One-half of the amount paid, $1,948,683, was credited back to the Department. (I99LL007)

CIVIL JUDGMENT AGAINST FORMER DEPARTMENT SUBCONTRACTOR FOR FILING FALSE COAL TEST INVOICES AND REPORTS

During the current reporting period, a civil judgment in the amount of $2,914,589 was rendered against one Department subcontractor and its owner as a result of a joint investigation by the OIG Office of Investigations and other Federal law enforcement agencies.

The previously reported investigation determined that two subcontractor officials and their respective companies knowingly submitted false claims to the Departments of Energy and Defense in the form of coal test reports and invoices. (I94SR018)

SUBCONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE FORFEITS AUTOMOBILE FOR THEFT VIOLATION

An OIG investigation resulted in a subcontractor employee entering into a Pretrial Diversion Agreement for violating 18 USC 641 (Theft of Government Property). The investigation determined that the subcontractor employee placed a large number of overpriced computer part orders on behalf of LLNL; and in each order, the vendor provided contest entry forms with a chance to win a Chrysler PT Cruiser. Through these purchases, the subcontractor employee submitted the forms and won the automobile, valued at approximately $20,000. Administrative forfeiture resulted in recovery of the PT Cruiser and the subcontractor employee resigned from his position. (I02LL004)