

January 18, 2006

California Institute of Technology  
Attn: General Counsel's Office  
1200 E. California Blvd.  
Pasadena, CA 91125-0002

Dear General Counsel of the California Institute of Technology:

The Project On Government Oversight (POGO) is overhauling and renewing its Federal Contractor Misconduct Database ([www.pogo.org/db/index.cfm](http://www.pogo.org/db/index.cfm)), a compilation of information from public resources regarding government contractors, including the California Institute of Technology. I have enclosed the findings relevant to the California Institute of Technology and am requesting verification or refutation of the data from you by January 31, 2006.

Any response would be greatly appreciated, as the accuracy of this information is in the best interest of all parties. Out of fairness to the California Institute of Technology, please be assured that any response received by POGO will be posted on the website along with the data.

Changes to the database include: the addition of more current instances, removal of Superfund cleanup costs, and removal of information that could not be verified with official documents. Additionally, pending cases will still be included, but this information will be kept separate from the resolved cases and will not be included in any totals.

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

No Instances will be recorded for the California Institute of Technology, only the following case which, POGO's records show is still pending:

Case Name: Moore v. California Institute of Technology Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Date: January 4, 2002

Misconduct Type: Labor

Contracting Party: N/A

Court Type: Civil

Amount: N/A

Disposition: N/A

Synopsis: Michael Moore filed suit against California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory under the False Claims Act and the Major Fraud Act. As an employee at the laboratory, Moore had noted problems on several antennas being sold to the Department of Defense. Upon acknowledging these problems, Moore was threatened with demotion and ultimately resigned. The initial court ruling was summary judgment on behalf of the defendant, but the 9<sup>th</sup> District Appeals Court reversed and remanded the decision.

Documents:

[http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/coa/newopinions.nsf/57DFC45F9787672C88256B3600823BB4/\\$file/0055958.pdf?openelement](http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/coa/newopinions.nsf/57DFC45F9787672C88256B3600823BB4/$file/0055958.pdf?openelement)

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