

December 2, 2005

URS Corporation
Attn: General Counsel's Office
600 Montgomery Street
26th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94111-2728

Dear General Counsel of URS:

The Project On Government Oversight (POGO) is overhauling and renewing its Federal Contractor Misconduct Database (www.pogo.org/db/index.cfm), a compilation of information from public resources regarding government contractors, including URS. On October 18, 2005, I sent you information regarding findings relevant to URS, which I have enclosed for your reference. As of today, I have not received a response from your office.

A written response is certainly in the best interest of everyone involved. It is the best way for your company to go on record regarding this process and the instances identified; your letter will be posted in its entirety on the database. Several companies have already responded and have expressed appreciation for the opportunity to express their views. POGO would prefer to receive a response by December 31, 2005 to ensure it is included with the launch of our new database.

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

Instances

1.

Case Name: US v. Pagano

Date: 4/30/04, date of sentencing

Misconduct Type: Other

Contracting Party: Government Civilian

Court Type: Criminal

Amount: 30 months imprisonment; 3 years supervised release; \$60,000 fine; \$2,000 restitution

Disposition: Pleaded Guilty

Synopsis:

“ALBERT PAGANO, the former Project Manager for URS/O'Brien Kreitzberg ("URS"), the construction quality management firm hired to assist the General Services Administration ("GSA") in supervising the construction of the new Federal Courthouse and the renovation of the existing General Post Office Building in downtown Brooklyn, was sentenced this morning for his receipt of \$35,000 in bribes from a subcontractor in exchange for PAGANO's assistance in the subcontractor's efforts to secure a \$5.5 million subcontract on the Post Office renovation project and other lucrative contract modifications and change orders. PAGANO was sentenced to 30 months' imprisonment, three years' supervised release, a fine of \$60,000 and restitution of \$2,000.”

Documents:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/nye/pr/2004apr30.htm>

2.

Case Name: Cox v. Radian

Date: 6/23/03, date of settlement

Misconduct Type: Environmental

Contracting Party: Government Civilian

Court Type: Civil

Amount: \$550,000

Disposition: Settlement

Synopsis:

“[T]he State of Michigan alleged certain violations of air and waste regulations had occurred while Radian [a URS subsidiary,] was operating a hazardous waste sludge dredging, drying, and transporting operation for The Dow Chemical Company's Michigan Operations in Midland, Michigan.

“On August 14, 1996, Dow agreed to undertake a management project to remove and incinerate excess contaminated solids that accumulated in its wastewater treatment ponds. The accumulated solids, containing dioxins and furans, were being dredged from the ponds and pumped to a

dewatering/drying system operated by Dow's contactor Radian, and then incinerated in Dow's 830 Incinerator. Dioxins and furans are chemicals of concern because they are persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic at very low concentrations. The DEQ obtained a tip that the solids were being mismanaged at Dow and that there had been numerous discharges of dried solids and fine particulate dust into the air and on the ground since May of 1997. On November 13, 1998, during the execution of a criminal search warrant, DEQ staff observed an accumulation of solids and dust around the outside of the drying facility, in the grass and along the facility access road. In addition, 196 containers of hazardous waste were observed stored in violation of Part 111. Records seized during execution of the criminal search warrant indicated that there had been five separate incidents of potential fire hazards and numerous releases of hazardous wastes at the facility. Radian had failed to notify the DEQ of these incidents as required under Part 111.”

Documents:

http://www.michigan.gov/minewswire/0,1607,7-136-3452_3477-72405--M_2003_7,00.html