



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 19, 2020

The Honorable Josh Hawley
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hawley:

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 13, 2020 regarding “a series of ‘diversity, equity, and inclusion’ trainings—specifically, the ‘Full Diversity Partners Lab,’ ‘White Men & Allies Learning Lab,’ and ‘White Men’s Caucus’ programs” at the National Nuclear Security Administration’s (NNSA) Sandia National Laboratories.

If the allegations outlined in your letter are accurate, this would indeed be troubling. I have launched an investigation to determine the facts surrounding this matter. In addition, I have requested that the Department’s Inspector General initiate an independent investigation.

The Department of Energy is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce, and we welcome the opportunity for any who seek to join us in our mission. We are equally committed to upholding our obligation to American taxpayers to responsibly spend federal dollars in accordance with the law.

Again, please be assured that we are conducting a thorough review of the enterprise’s training practices and are working diligently to ensure that your request is answered as quickly and thoroughly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Brouillette". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dan R. Brouillette

