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Ricky Ladd sent a message using the contact form at <http://www.dnfsb.gov/website-tools/contact>.

I work at the Paducah Ky DOE site. I want to thank your board for bringing DOE retaliation practices to attention. I recently went through the same treatment with my Company and DOE. The issue I reported was waste and fraud. DOE did an inquiry and investigation into my termination issue. Both times they came back with the same findings that I was terminated for several different reasons as listed on my termination sheet. I had made a disclosure to the OIG in "09" regarding waste and fraud as posted in the work place. I had to go to the NLRB to get a fair and impartial investigation. The first witness who was the Company President who terminated me testified that all but one of the reasons on the termination sheet were false. Falsifying a document at a Cat 2 nuclear facility and DOE did nothing. The one charge was latter proven to be a normal workplace practice. I got my job and backpay but no thanks to DOE. I fully expect to find in a FOIA request I have filed that DOE reimbured the Company for all the expenses they incurred in falsifying the document to terminate me. I decided to continue with my whistleblower complaint to see what DOE would do. I filed FOIA request, Doe with held documents other than what they could legally with hold. When I called their hand and they did a second search and then claimed the document didn't exist. The document that now doesn't exist was used as an exhibit in my trial along with approx. 20 pages of testimony regarding the document. I realise you have no jurisdiction at Paducah but I want to commend your Board for the letter to Secretary Chu. Hopefully the outcome at Hanford in forcing DOE to allow a questioning attitude without fear of DOE retaliating will flow throughout all DOE complexes. Hopefully the recent reorganization announcement and resignation of Ms.Triay is a good start.