

Walp wants authorities to reopen probe

Former security chief has issues with lab comments

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Convinced there was more to uncover during an investigation from 2002 at Los Alamos National Laboratory, former Office of Security Inquiries (OSI) Leader Glenn A. Walp said he intends to ask the Federal Bureau of Investigation for help. Because of information that surfaced in 2010, Walp said he will be in New Mexico the first week in July and plans to meet with agents and ask the bureau to reopen its case into wrongdoing that he began to uncover after the lab hired him in January 2002.

“There are a lot of loose ends that need to be addressed and I will be asking the FBI to reopen the case,” Walp said during an interview from Arizona. “Based on serious allegations and unresolved questions uncovered in 2010 during the Chuck Montano whistleblower suit, it is imperative that these lingering issues of possible criminality be investigated to the fullest. Truly, I have one goal only and that is to have the case reopened to get to the truth of all the issues, once and for all.”

LANL brought in Walp, a retired commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, to investigate crime and lax security that resulted from heightened measures following 9/11.

He publicly reported discovering the theft or loss of more than \$3 million in taxpayer property including approximately 400 computers that potentially contained nuclear secrets. Walp contends that “certain lab leaders” concerned that public exposure could jeopardize LANL’s lucrative management contract, opposed his efforts along with those of his assistant, Steve Doran, at every turn.

The men were fired, rehired as consultants by the University of California and ultimately received \$1 million in compensation for wrongful termination.

Walp authored the international award-winning book, “Implosion At Los Alamos” – A Frightening Expose of Crime, Corruption and Cover-up, which hit store shelves in June of last year.

During his book tour last year, Walp said that LANL spokesman Kevin Roark described information in the book as “old news” and told the media that “many things in the book are blatantly false.”

“I take great umbrage to your statement for a multiplicity of reasons, not the least of which is that you attempt to impugn my character, the integrity of the book and many honest people – to include the media and Congress – who contributed to this work,” Walp said in a letter to Roark dated June 23, 2010. “I propose this was another lab attempt, for which they have become infamous, to suppress media, Congress and public oversight, and in the instant case, stop my book sales, because lab officials are fearful of the solid truth it holds. This is America, and contrary to what some may believe in laboratory management, the Los Alamos National Laboratory belongs to the citizens of the United States of America; you are under contract to us. Hence, my book and I are not going away.”

Walp said he did not receive a response from Roark. Based on Roark’s statements at the time, Walp said he challenged him to debate the “falsehoods” in his book but said Roark did not reply.

Roark is currently on vacation and was unavailable for comment this morning.

In July 2010, Walp sent letters to U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman and U.S. Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico. He described Roark's remarks concerning details in his book and said, "I need not remind you that Roark is not speaking for himself, but on behalf of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, all of its contractors and managers, including the Bechtel Corporation, the University of California and the Department of Energy and congress, which supports and funds the lab. He is also speaking for the taxpayers of America whose hard-earned money pay for LANL's operations.

"I am asking that as leading members of Congress, the United States Senate Committees on Energy and Natural Resources and the Environment, senators from Los Alamos National Laboratory's home state, and major supporters of lab operations, that you demand an official investigation into Roark's statements and unfounded allegations. That unless he retracts them immediately or details his specific charges for debate or refutation, that he be fired. As representatives of our nation's most prestigious scientific laboratory and of the people, this kind of behavior cannot be tolerated.

"They never responded either," Walp said.