

Summary: Investigation of an NPS Contractor for Allegations of False Claims and Statements

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OIG investigated allegations that a prime contractor made false claims to the Government by submitting subcontractor payment certifications that it either never paid, or did not pay in full for work at the Mammoth Cave National Park (MCNP), Kentucky. The prime contractor also allegedly made false statements to the National Park Service (NPS) by presenting NPS with signed checks it never sent to its subcontractors.

We did not find any evidence that the prime contractor submitted false claims to NPS. We found, however, that the prime contractor did not pay subcontractors promptly in accordance with Federal regulations, nor did it pay some subcontractors all of the monies they were due. The prime contractor also frequently did not request funds from NPS in the timeframe necessary to pay subcontractors in a timely manner.

As a result, the prime contractor's surety bonding company paid \$499,020 to settle debts owed to its subcontractors on the MCNP project.

We presented our findings to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the District of Western District of Kentucky, which declined to pursue the matter.

This is a summary of an investigative report that was issued to the National Park Service for information only.

