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US army to investigate Halliburton

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The United States army has agreed to investigate claims that the oil services company Halliburton was awarded billions of dollars worth of contracts unfairly.

The whistleblower, Bunnatine Greenhouse, chief contracting officer for the Army Corps of Engineers, claims she was excluded from decision-making after raising doubts about whether to give the work to Halliburton. The contracts were handed out, she claims, without following rules designed to ensure fair competition and fair prices to the government.

Halliburton was formerly run by the US vice-president, Dick Cheney. Halliburton division Kellogg Brown & Root was quietly handed a contract to repair Iraq's oil industry early last year ahead of the US-led invasion. The contract was worth an initial \$7bn.

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