

August 6, 2004

Ms. Suzanne Mitchell
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Washington, DC 20202

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

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In February 2004, the state licensing agency informed us that in March 2004, Ms. Linda Edwards, the manager of the NUREG Cafe', would relinquish that position to Ms. Dawn Edwards, her relative. We were also advised that Ms. Dawn Edwards had met all the applicable requirements to become a licensed vendor and had received a great deal of training in food services. Based on a subsequent telephone conversation with Mr. Brian Smick, a Business Counselor with the state licensing agency, we learned that the process Ms. Linda Edwards used to relinquish her management duties was appropriate under the existing guidelines for managerial changes. Specifically, if a qualified individual expresses an interest, or "bids" on a particular managerial position, the existing manager may relinquish the position to that individual. This change in personnel must, however, be reviewed and approved by the state licensing authority. In this case, Ms. Dawn Edwards "bid" on Ms. Linda Edward's position, which was subsequently approved by the Maryland State Department of Education.

As we found this particular event to be unusual, based on the negative perceptions it may create, we wanted to share it with you as the cognizant Federal agency that oversees these programs.

Should you have any questions on this matter, please call me on (301) 415-7435.

Sincerely,

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