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In the Matter of
ANDREW SIEMASZKO
IA-05-021; ASLB No. 05-839-02-EA

Dear Administrative Judges:

The NRC Staff filed today a Motion to Extend the Stay of the Proceeding. This Motion is supported by an Affidavit from the Department of Justice. The Affidavit is filed under seal pursuant to the Commission's policy on Investigations, Inspections, and Adjudicatory Proceedings. The NRC Staff, after consulting with the Department of Justice, has no objection to the Affidavit being released to counsel to Mr. Siemaszko, pursuant to the attached protective Order.

Sincerely,

/RA/
Sara E. Brock
Counsel for NRC Staff

Attachment: As stated

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Sandy Buchanan
Jonathan Rund
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:
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PROPOSED MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
(Protective Order)

A. This Protective Order governs the disclosure and use of the Affidavit submitted by Thomas T. Ballantine, Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, dated August 18, 2005. Notwithstanding any order terminating this proceeding, this Protective Order shall remain in effect until specifically modified or terminated by this Board.

B. Only Mr. Siemaszko and his counsel who have executed the attached Non-Disclosure Declaration may have access to the Affidavit. The Affidavit shall not be used except as necessary for the conduct of this proceeding, nor shall it be disclosed in any manner to any person except to the minimum number of counsel, assistants, or other participant representatives who are engaged in the conduct of this proceeding on behalf of Mr. Siemaszko or the NRC Staff and who need to know the information in the Affidavit in order to carry out their responsibilities in this proceeding.

C. Mr. Siemaszko and his representative and the NRC Staff and its representative, who have any access to the Affidavit shall maintain its confidentiality as required in the attached Non-Disclosure Declaration, the terms of which are hereby incorporated in this Protective Order.

D. Mr. Siemaszko and his representative and the NRC Staff and its representative, who have access to the Affidavit shall take all reasonable precautions necessary to ensure that the Affidavit is not distributed to unauthorized persons. Reasonable precautions include maintaining the Affidavit in a secure place and limiting access to the Affidavit to persons authorized to receive access to it. Any person who has access to the Affidavit shall take all reasonable precaution to ensure that persons under their supervision or control comply with this Protective Order.

E. Any violation of the terms of this Protective Order may result in the imposition of sanctions as this Board may deem appropriate. Such sanctions may include, but are not limited to: refusal to consider a filing by the offending participant; denial of the right to receive documents under this or any other protective order in this proceeding; denial of the right to cross-examine or present evidence; or refusal to allow the counsel, assistant or other representative of a party to participate in this proceeding. In addition, sanctions may include referral of the violation to appropriate bar associations and/or other disciplinary authorities, including the U.S. Department of Justice for criminal prosecution, if appropriate.

F. This Board may alter or amend this Protective Order as circumstances warrant at any time during the course of this proceeding. The parties shall be afforded notice and an opportunity to be heard before any such alteration or amendment comes into effect.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND
LICENSING BOARD

CONFIDENTIALITY AND NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby certify my understanding that access to the Affidavit submitted by Thomas T. Ballantine, Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, dated August 18, 2005 is provided to me pursuant to the terms and restrictions of the Protective Order, dated _____; that I have been given a copy of an have read this Protective Order; and that I agree to be bound by it. I understand that the contents of the Affidavit shall not be disclosed to anyone other than in accordance with that Protective Order. I acknowledge that a violation of the Declaration or the Protective Order, which incorporates the terms of this Declaration, constitutes a violation of an order of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and may result in the imposition of sanctions as the Board determines to be appropriate. Such sanctions may include, but are not limited to: refusal to consider a filing by the offending participant; denial of the right to receive documents under this or any other protective order in this proceeding; denial of the right to cross-examine or present evidence; or refusal to allow the counsel, assistant or other representative of a party to participate in this proceeding. In addition, sanctions may include referral of the violation to appropriate bar associations and/or other disciplinary authorities, including the U.S. Department of Justice for criminal prosecution, if appropriate.

WHEREFORE, I do solemnly agree to protect such information in the Affidavit as may be disclosed to me in this NRC proceeding, in accordance with the terms of this declaration.

Name (printed: _____

Title: _____

Representing: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____