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SUBJECT: USE OF THE NRC OFFICIAL SEAL AND STATEMENTS ABOUT NRC
CERTIFICATION ON EDSA MICROCORPORATION'S WEBSITE

Dear Mr. Nasle,

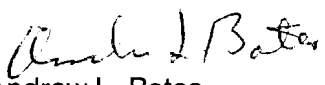
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I trust that your use of the NRC seal and the statements about NRC certification were oversights and you will now remove the NRC seal and these statements from your website promptly. I request that you inform the NRC of your findings and actions in writing within 30 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sandy Joosten at 301-415-1962.

Sincerely,


Andrew L. Bates
Acting Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures: 1. 10 CFR 1.53, "Use of NRC seal or replicas."
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§ 1.53

in its left claw and a green olive branch in its right claw, positioned on a field of white, with the words "United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission" in dark blue encircling the eagle. The eagle represents the United States of America and its interests.

(b) The Official Seal of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is illustrated as follows:



(c) The Secretary of the Commission is responsible for custody of the impression seals and of replica (plaque) seals.

§ 1.53 Use of NRC seal or replicas.

(a) The use of the seal or replicas is restricted to the following:

- (1) NRC letterhead stationery;
- (2) NRC award certificates and medals;
- (3) Security credentials and employee identification cards;
- (4) NRC documents, including agreements with States, interagency or governmental agreements, foreign patent applications, certifications, special reports to the President and Congress and, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Commission, such other documents as the Secretary finds appropriate;
- (5) Plaques—the design of the seal may be incorporated in plaques for display at NRC facilities in locations such as auditoriums, presentation rooms, lobbies, offices of senior officials, on the fronts of buildings, and other places designated by the Secretary;
- (6) The NRC flag (which incorporates the design of the seal);
- (7) Official films prepared by or for the NRC, if deemed appropriate by the

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Director of Governmental and Public Affairs;

(8) Official NRC publications that represent an achievement or mission of NRC as a whole, or that are cosponsored by NRC and other Government departments or agencies; and

(9) Any other uses as the Secretary of the Commission finds appropriate.

(b) Any person who uses the official seal in a manner other than as permitted by this section shall be subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1017, which provides penalties for the fraudulent or wrongful use of an official seal, and to other provisions of law as applicable.

§ 1.55 Establishment of official NRC flag.

The official flag is based on the design of the NRC seal. It is 50 inches by 66 inches in size with a 38-inch diameter seal incorporated in the center of a dark blue field with a gold fringe.

§ 1.57 Use of NRC flag.

(a) The use of the flag is restricted to the following:

- (1) On or in front of NRC installations;
- (2) At NRC ceremonies;
- (3) At conferences involving official NRC participation (including permanent display in NRC conference rooms);
- (4) At Governmental or public appearances of NRC executives;
- (5) In private offices of senior officials; or
- (6) As the Secretary of the Commission otherwise authorizes.

(b) The NRC flag must only be displayed together with the U.S. flag.

When they are both displayed on a speaker's platform, the U.S. flag must occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he or she faces the audience, and the NRC flag must be placed at the speaker's left.

§ 1.59 Report of violations.

In order to ensure adherence to the authorized uses of the NRC seal and flag as provided in this subpart, a report of each suspected violation of this subpart, or any questionable use of the NRC seal or flag, should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission.

Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. If a submittal due date falls on Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, the next Federal working day becomes the official due date.

(e) *Regulation governing submission.* Licensees and applicants submitting correspondence, reports, and other written communications pursuant to the regulations of this part are requested but not required to cite whenever practical, in the upper right corner of the first page of the submittal, the specific regulation or other basis, requiring submission.

(f) *Conflicting requirements.* The communications requirements contained in this section and §§ 50.12, 50.30, 50.36, 50.36a, 50.44, 50.49, 50.54, 50.55, 50.55a, 50.59, 50.62, 50.71, 50.73, 50.82, 50.90, and 50.91 supersede and replace all existing requirements in any license conditions or technical specifications in effect on January 5, 1987. Exceptions to these requirements must be approved by the Information and Records Management Branch, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone (301) 415-7230.

[51 FR 40306, Nov. 6, 1986, as amended at 52 FR 31611, Aug. 21, 1987; 53 FR 6139, Mar. 1, 1988; 60 FR 24551, May 9, 1995; 61 FR 39298, July 29, 1996]

§ 50.5 Deliberate misconduct.

(a) Any licensee, applicant for a license, employee of a licensee or applicant; or any contractor (including a supplier or consultant), subcontractor, employee of a contractor or subcontractor of any licensee or applicant for a license, who knowingly provides to any licensee, applicant, contractor, or subcontractor, any components, equipment, materials, or other goods or services that relate to a licensee's or applicant's activities in this part, may not:

(1) Engage in deliberate misconduct that causes or would have caused, if not detected, a licensee or applicant to be in violation of any rule, regulation, or order; or any term, condition, or limitation of any license issued by the Commission; or

(2) Deliberately submit to the NRC, a licensee, an applicant, or a licensee's or applicant's contractor or subcon-

tractor, information that the person submitting the information knows to be incomplete or inaccurate in some respect material to the NRC.

(b) A person who violates paragraph (a)(1) or (a)(2) of this section may be subject to enforcement action in accordance with the procedures in 10 CFR part 2, subpart B.

(c) For the purposes of paragraph (a)(1) of this section, deliberate misconduct by a person means an intentional act or omission that the person knows:

(1) Would cause a licensee or applicant to be in violation of any rule, regulation, or order; or any term, condition, or limitation, of any license issued by the Commission; or

(2) Constitutes a violation of a requirement, procedure, instruction, contract, purchase order, or policy of a licensee, applicant, contractor, or subcontractor.

[63 FR 1897, Jan. 13, 1998]

§ 50.7 Employee protection.

(a) Discrimination by a Commission licensee, an applicant for a Commission license, or a contractor or subcontractor of a Commission licensee or applicant against an employee for engaging in certain protected activities is prohibited. Discrimination includes discharge and other actions that relate to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment. The protected activities are established in section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, and in general are related to the administration or enforcement of a requirement imposed under the Atomic Energy Act or the Energy Reorganization Act.

(1) The protected activities include but are not limited to:

(i) Providing the Commission or his or her employer information about alleged violations of either of the statutes named in paragraph (a) introductory text of this section or possible violations of requirements imposed under either of those statutes;

(ii) Refusing to engage in any practice made unlawful under either of the statutes named in paragraph (a) introductory text or under these requirements if the employee has identified the alleged illegality to the employer;

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Sincerely,
/s/ A. Butts
for Annette Vietti-Cook

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