UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

September 10, 2007

Dear NRC Vendor:

The mission of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is to promote the safe use of radioactive materials for beneficial civilian purposes while ensuring that people and the environment are protected. The NRC regulates commercial nuclear power plants (104 plants operating in the U.S.) and other uses of nuclear materials, such as in nuclear medicine, through licensing, inspection and enforcement of its requirements.

NRC is dedicated to enforcing federal immigration and customs laws. In that regard, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) have developed and are currently operating a joint program previously known as the Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) program which has been renamed E-Verify. E-Verify is a free program that allows contractors electronically to verify the employment eligibility of all newly hired employees – both U.S. citizens and non-citizens.

E-Verify greatly limits subjectivity otherwise required in employer review during the Form I-9 process, virtually eliminates Social Security mismatch letters, improves the accuracy of wage and tax reporting, protects jobs for authorized U.S. workers, and helps U.S. contractors maintain a legal workforce. Through the use of the E-Verify program, contractors will better ensure the legality of their workforce and face a lower risk of a worksite audit by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

In fiscal year 2006 ICE has expanded its efforts to identify employers who are non-compliant with immigration laws. ICE has concluded many criminal investigations that have resulted in 716 criminal arrests and the arrest of 3,667 aliens working in this country illegally. Many of those arrested were charged with illegally employing unauthorized workers. Penalties for these violations include prison sentences, forfeiture of assets and civil fines.

NRC would like to invite NRC contractors to participate in the E-Verify program. Contractors can register on-line at https://www.vis-dhs.com/employerregistration/, which provides instructions for completing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) required for official registration for the program. If you would like additional information about the program, please visit the E-Verify website at www.dhs.gov/E-Verify or call at 1-888-464-4218.

Additionally we understand that the Office of Management and Budget has initiated action to change the Federal Acquisition Regulation to address the use of E-Verify by Federal Contractors. In the interim, the E-Verify Program can help you comply with the law and help us protect America!

Sincerely,

for Mary Lynn Scott, Director
Division of Contracts
Office of Administration