

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF DHIRAJ SONI

IA-08-022

ASLBP No. 09-881-01-EA-BD01

ESTABLISHMENT OF ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the Federal Register, 37 Fed. Reg. 28,710 (1972), and the Commission's regulations, see 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.104, 2.202, 2.300, 2.303, 2.309, 2.311, 2.318, and 2.321, notice is hereby given that an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

In the Matter of DHIRAJ SONI
(Enforcement Action)

This proceeding concerns a request for a hearing submitted on March 13, 2009 by the law firm of Akerman Senterfitt on behalf of Mr. Dhiraj Soni in response to a February 10, 2009 "NRC Staff Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities," 74 Fed. Reg. 7930 (Feb. 20, 2009). Under the terms of that Order, the Staff concluded that Mr. Dhiraj Soni, the former Vice President of Eastern Testing and Inspection, Inc. (ETI), engaged in deliberate misconduct that caused ETI to be in violation of 10 C.F.R. 30.9 and, accordingly, that Mr. Dhiraj Soni violated 10 C.F.R. 30.10. The Order therefore prohibits Mr. Dhiraj Soni from any involvement in NRC-licensed activities for a period of one year from the effective date of the Order.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

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All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed in accordance with the NRC e-filing rule, which the NRC promulgated in August 2007. See 72 Fed. Reg. 49,139 (Aug. 28, 1007).

/RA/

E. Roy Hawkens
Chief Administrative Judge
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel

Issued at Rockville, Maryland,
this 26th day of March 2009.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing ESTABLISHMENT OF ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD have been served upon the following persons by Electronic Information Exchange.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland
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