

## New Jersey Association of School Administrators

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Director Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs Attention: Angela R. McIntosh, Mail Stop T8-E24 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Demand for Information and Reporting Damaged Devices Containing Radioactive Material

Dear Ms. McIntosh:

Enclosed herein, please find the Response on Behalf of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators to the Demand for Information by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

By way of summary, consistent with our prior conversation, I note that the information provided to the NRC is inaccurate in that the NJASA has no more than possibly one (1) tritium exit sign, and has no records of ever receiving a large number of these types of signs.

On behalf of the NJASA, I hereby request that the NRC provide any information regarding when and how the sign should be disposed of.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Chief Counsel for the New Jersey Association of School Administrators

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF MERCER

## **CERTIFICATION OF**

## **CHARLOTTE A. DUTHIE**

CHARLOTTE A. DUTHIE, being duly sworn according to law, upon her oath deposes and says: 1. I am the Office Manager of the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (hereinafter NJASA). In that capacity, I am responsible for the hiring of contractors and the scheduling of maintenance for NJASA property.

2. NJASA is a not-for-profit corporation with it's place of business located at 920 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08618.

3. NJASA is a professional association of educational administrators in New Jersey. NJASA does not, and has never, engaged in any business activities that would involve the distribution and/or resale of building materials, including, but not limited to, tritium exit signs and/or any other devices or materials containing radioactive matter. NJASA also does not engage in any activities related to the storage of radioactive materials including, but not limited to, tritium exit signs.

4. In my capacity as NJASA Office Manager, I have reviewed records of NJASA regarding the purchase of building materials. NJASA has no records relating to the purchase of tritium exit signs.

5. I am not an expert on building materials and was unaware as to what tritium exit signs are until NJASA received the Demand for Information from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

6. In my capacity as NJASA Office Manager, I have conducted an inspection of the NJASA premises and have found a total of one (1) sign that looks like it may be a tritium exit sign. That sign has the following markings apparent on it:

SPL Meets Brightness Requirements NFPA #101 Recommended Effective Life - 10 Years Replace Before 2/2002

There is no manufacturer name apparent on the sign.

7. Upon my inspection of the sign, I note that the sign appears to be undamaged.

8. The NJASA has no present plans to remove the sign. However, if NJASA is required to remove the sign, I would request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission provide information as to how to dispose of the sign.

Charlotte A. Duthie

Sworn to & Subscribed Before Me This <u>6</u><sup>TH</sup> Day of March 2009

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