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In the Matters of
HIMAT SONI
Docket No. IA-08-023, ASLBP No. 09-882-02-EA-BD01
DHIRAJ SONI
Docket No. IA-08-022, ASLBP No. 09-882-01-EA-BD01

Dear Administrative Judges:

In its May 29, 2009 Status Report, the NRC Staff stated that it would file either a settlement agreement, status report, or proposed discovery schedule with the Board on or before June 30, 2009. In this status report, the NRC Staff would like to report that the parties are continuing negotiating settlement of the above cases along with Eastern Testing, Inc. (ETI), Docket No. EA-08-174, but have not yet reached settlement. The parties are, however, close to an agreement and are negotiating language. Therefore, the parties will continue with settlement negotiations and postpone discovery.

The parties anticipate filing a settlement agreement with the Board before the proposed July 29, 2009 hearing start date.

Robert Andersen, counsel for Himat Soni, Dhiraj Soni, and ETI, has authorized counsel for the Staff to sign and file this status report on his behalf.

Sincerely,

/Signed (electronically) by/

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cc: Office of the Secretary
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Robert M. Andersen, Esq.