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## Ira Dinitz Statement of Professional Qualifications

## **CURRENT POSITION**

Insurance and Indemnity Analyst Financial Analysis Branch Division of Policy and Rulemaking Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C

## **EDUCATION**

M.P.A. Public Administration, Syracuse University B.A. Political Science., City College of New York

## QUALIFICATIONS

Mr. Dinitz is an insurance and indemnity analyst with over 40 years of work experience at the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) with 37 years of that experience in the nuclear liability and property insurance areas.

He is a recognized agency expert in matters relating to nuclear liability and property insurance and the Price-Anderson Act. He has testified as an expert witness in nuclear insurance matters with past NRC Chairmen Pallidino and Meserve and other senior staff before various Congressional committees and subcommittees, e.g. Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, Senate subcommittee on Environment and Public Works. These appearances were in 1974-75, 1987-88 and 2004-05 and were in connection with Congressional hearings that considered the renewal of the Price-Anderson Act. Prior to the renewal hearings in 1974-75 and 1987-88, Mr. Dinitz was the principal author of the reports that were submitted to Congress. Mr. Dinitz was the principal person tasked with writing rules and regulations implementing the Act after its renewal in 1977, 1988 and 2005. He was the point of contact and person tasked with reviewing and incorporating comments into the regulations.

Mr. Dinitz served as the point of contact for the agency and worked with American Nuclear Insurers (ANI), including their Senior Vice-Presidents John Quattrocchi and Charles Bardes and General Counsel Joseph Marrone, after the Three Mile Island (TMI) accident to ensure that proper claims handling procedures were in place and being followed. He coordinated the collection of data in the Operations Center during the accident to ensure that the data was collected in a format that enabled the Commission to determine if an Extraordinary Nuclear Occurrence (ENO) had occurred. He was a member of the ENO panel that later determined that the TMI accident was not an ENO. He was the principal staff member charged with determining if changes were necessary in the ENO criteria. He also was responsible for reviewing information and recommending denial of the Petition for Rulemaking on modifying the ENO criteria.

He has been the person responsible for drafting all new indemnity agreements and for modifying all existing indemnity agreements for over 30 years. As the Price-Anderson expert, he is the primary contact with ANI for matters of policy in the insurance area. He was responsible for enacting the policy for broadening the site descriptions at nuclear power plants.

Over the years, Mr. Dinitz has been asked to brief Commissioners Doub, Curtis, Asselstine, McGaffigan, and Rogers, among others, on matters relating to insurance and Price-Anderson issues. He was the point of contact for two GAO audits on Price-Anderson implementation by the Commission. Both of these audits gave the Commission excellent marks with no follow-up actions necessary, which is highly unusual. Because he is the agency expert, he has spoken on insurance and indemnity matters when Price-Anderson was being reconsidered for renewal at industry meetings sponsored by ANI and NEI. Most recently, he has worked with OGC and attorneys from EPA and HHS in a mock reactor accident and briefed the EDO and other senior staff on questions that could arise in a Presidential Level Exercise. He was the expert reviewer on the LES and GE Laser facility applications for nuclear insurance. He is the principal point of contact for members of the public, Congressional staff and media for insurance and indemnity issues.