

January 20, 2012

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SUBJECT: PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING, INC., DECEMBER 16, 2011, REQUEST
FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Mr. Bleigh:

By letter dated December 16, 2011, you submitted an affidavit dated December 16, 2011, requesting that the information contained in the following document be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 2.390:

PCI Reference No. SFSS-TD-2011-001, Rev 0, Draft B, "Large Flume Test Protocol (LFTP) Element Issues & Resolution," dated December 16, 2011, with Attachment 1, Research Report 2011-126-H-PGR670, "Large Flume Protocol Outline," prepared by Alden Research Laboratory, Inc.

The affidavit states that this information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure because it is:

- a. Information that discloses a process, method, or apparatus, including supporting data and analyses, where prevention of its use by Performance Contracting, Inc.'s competitors without license from Performance Contracting, Inc. constitutes a competitive economic advantage over other companies.
- b. Information which, if used by a competitor, would reduce his expenditure of resources or improve his competitive position in the design, manufacture, shipment, installation, assurance of quality, or licensing of a similar product.

We have reviewed your application and the document in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of the statements in the December 16, 2011, affidavit, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure. Therefore, the document listed above will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(b)(5) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the document. If the need arises, we may send copies of this information to our consultants working in this area. We will, of course, ensure that the consultants have signed the appropriate agreements for handling proprietary information.

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If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, you should promptly notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). You also should understand that the NRC may have cause to review this determination in the future, for example, if the scope of a Freedom of Information Act request includes your information. In all review situations, if the NRC makes a determination adverse to the above, you will be notified in advance of any public disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-1380.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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