



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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September 16, 2015

White Stagg, LLC  
ATTN: Donald M. Clarke  
Radiation Safety Officer  
520-B Eagleton Downs Drive  
Pineville, NC 28134

SUBJECT: NRC APPROVAL OF WHITE STAGG, LLC REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING  
INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

Dear Mr. Clarke:

White Stagg, LLC submitted an affidavit dated August 18, 2015, executed by Mr. Benjamin Bradley Stagg, requesting that the information provided in letter dated August 25, 2015, which respond to our request for additional information dated July 1, 2015, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390.

The affidavit stated that per §2.390(b)(4), White Stagg, LLC is requesting that the design and concept of the HALO smoke detector be withheld from public disclosure for the following reasons: (1) the unique and confidential design of the HALO smoke detector incorporates an ion chamber, photoelectric chamber, carbon monoxide detector and a weather alert radio that is incorporated in one smoke detector. There is currently no other commercially available smoke detector on the market that has all of these attributes; (2) the concept and design of the HALO smoke detector has been held in confidence by Benjamin Bradley Stagg (CEO of White Stagg LLC) and not been released for public knowledge nor is it available to the public. This information is of the type that is normally held in confidence for any product that has the potential to change the landscape of multiple devices in the marketplace; (3) disclosure to the public of this information would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of White Stagg LLC and cause irreversible damage to both the company's global financial position and manufacturing abilities. In addition, the concept and design information, if allowed to be disclosed, could easily be duplicated by competitors and cause the loss of large sum of money expended in the design phase.

We have reviewed your application and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, have determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary commercial information and should be withheld from public disclosure.

Therefore, White Stagg, LLC design and concept of the HALO smoke detector submitted in letter dated August 25, 2015, marked as "Proprietary Information" 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 documents.

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 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 of the date of public disclosure, in advance which will be a reasonable time thereafter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 415-6004, or e-mail [Hector.Rodriguez-Luccioni@nrc.gov](mailto:Hector.Rodriguez-Luccioni@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

**/RA/**

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