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EA-23-016

Ranfy Almonte Cartegena
Almonte Geo Service Group
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Toa Alta, Puerto Rico 00953

SUBJECT: ALMONTE GEO SERVICES, INC. - WITHDRAWAL OF ORDER IMPOSING A CIVIL PENALTY - \$17,500 (EA-23-016)

Dear Ranfy Almonte Cartegena,

By letter dated April 11, 2024 (Agency Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML24089A031), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), issued an Order Imposing a Civil Penalty (Order EA-23-016) to Almonte Geo Service Group (Almonte). The Civil Penalty was imposed because Almonte (1) did not properly dispose of or transfer the remaining sealed radioactive source possessed under its NRC License No. 52-31453-01 and (2) did not send information documenting to the NRC that the material had been transferred or disposed of within 60 days (i.e., by January 8, 2024) of the date of the letter dated November 9, 2023, transmitting a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (ML23310A012). Order EA-23-016 required that Almonte pay a \$17,500 penalty within 30 days of the date of the publication, of this Order in the *Federal Register* (i.e., by May 19, 2024).

On May 22, 2024 (ML24149A340), the licensee informed the NRC that the licensed material was transferred to a contractor for disposal, and on May 28, 2024, the NRC received confirmation that the material was received by an authorized facility for disposal (ML24149A340). As part of the May 22, 2024, communication, the licensee's representative submitted an NRC Form 314, "Certificate of Disposition of Materials," and requested the termination of its NRC licensee. After review of the license termination request, the NRC terminated License No. 52-31453-01 on June 3, 2024 (ML24156A050), in accordance with the requirements specified in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 30.36(k).

Because the NRC's primary interest in this matter was to ensure that Almonte meets its obligation to transfer or dispose of the licensed material in its possession and complete decommissioning of its site, and having confirmed that such obligations have been met (as described above), and that NRC License No. 52-31453-01 has been terminated, the NRC is hereby withdrawing the Order Imposing a Civil Penalty to Almonte (EA-23-016).

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, of the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure," a copy of this letter and its enclosure(s) will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room and from the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Monica Ford, Chief of the Commercial, Industrial, Research & Development, & Academic Branch, USNRC Region I, at 610-337-5214 or Monica.Ford@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Pelton", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Signed by Pelton, David
on 07/08/24

David L. Pelton, Director
Office of Enforcement

Docket No. 03038488
License No. 52-31453-01

cc w/Enclosures:
Roy Greaves, Director
Environment, Health, and Safety
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico