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Mr. Kenneth Elsea
President
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RE: Use of the NRC Official Seal on Conger & Elsea Website

Dear Mr. Elsea,

Please be advised that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission received a written allegation claiming that your web site contained a copy of the official NRC seal. The NRC confirmed that as of the date of this letter your web site, <http://www.conger-elsea.com>, still contained a copy of the official NRC seal.

NRC regulations, found at 10 CFR 1.53, restrict the use of the NRC seal. The NRC seal may only be used for official purposes or other uses as the Secretary of the Commission finds appropriate. Your use of the NRC seal on your web site is a violation of NRC regulations.

I trust that your use of the NRC seal on your web site was an oversight and you will now remove the NRC seal from your web site promptly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Sandy Joosten at 301-415-1962.

Sincerely,



Annette Vietti-Cook

Enclosure:
10 CFR Part 1.53

PART 1 • STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Subpart C—NRC Seal and Flag

§ 1.51 Description and custody of NRC seal.

(a) Pursuant to section 201(a) of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, has adopted an official seal. Its description is as follows: An American bald eagle (similar to that on the Great Seal of the United States of America) of brown and tan with claws and beak of yellow, behind a shield of red, white, and blue, clutching a cluster of thirteen arrows in its left claw and a green olive branch in its right claw, positioned on a field of white, with the words "United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission" in dark blue encircling the eagle. The eagle represents the United States of America and its interests.

(b) The Official Seal of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission is illustrated as follows:



(c) The Secretary of the Commission is responsible for custody of the impression seals and of replica (plaque) seals.

§ 1.53 Use of NRC seal or replicas.

(a) The use of the seal or replicas is restricted to the following:

- (1) NRC letterhead stationery;
- (2) NRC award certificates and medals;
- (3) Security credentials and employee identification cards;
- (4) NRC documents, including agreements with States, interagency or governmental agreements, foreign patent applications, certifications, special reports to the President and Congress and, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Commission, such other documents as the Secretary finds appropriate;

(5) Plaques—the design of the seal may be incorporated in plaques for display at NRC facilities in locations such as auditoriums, presentation rooms, lobbies, offices of senior officials, on the fronts of buildings, and other places designated by the Secretary;

(6) The NRC flag (which incorporates the design of the seal);

(7) Official films prepared by or for the NRC, if deemed appropriate by the Director of Governmental and Public Affairs;

(8) Official NRC publications that represent an achievement or mission of NRC as a whole, or that are cosponsored by NRC and other Government departments or agencies; and

(9) Any other uses as the Secretary of the Commission finds appropriate.

(b) Any person who uses the official seal in a manner other than as permitted by this section shall be subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1017, which provides penalties for the fraudulent or wrongful use of an official seal, and to other provisions of law as applicable.

§ 1.55 Establishment of official NRC flag.

The official flag is based on the design of the NRC seal. It is 50 inches by 66 inches in size with a 38-inch diameter seal incorporated in the center of a dark blue field with a gold fringe.

§ 1.57 Use of NRC flag.

(a) The use of the flag is restricted to the following:

- (1) On or in front of NRC installations;
- (2) At NRC ceremonies;
- (3) At conferences involving official NRC participation (including permanent display in NRC conference rooms);
- (4) At Governmental or public appearances of NRC executives;
- (5) In private offices of senior officials;

or

(6) As the Secretary of the Commission otherwise authorizes.

(b) The NRC flag must only be displayed together with the U.S. flag. When they are both displayed on a speaker's platform, the U.S. flag must occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he or she faces the audience, and the NRC flag must be placed at the speaker's left.

§ 1.59 Report of violations.

In order to ensure adherence to the authorized uses of the NRC seal and flag as provided in this subpart, a report of each suspected violation of this subpart, or any questionable use of the NRC seal or flag, should be submitted to the Secretary of the Commission.

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