

October 18, 2007

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REQUIREMENTS IN EA-07-231

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In closing, the NRC staff would also remind you of the importance of carefully reviewing and strictly complying with the terms of NRC-issued orders. Failure to comply with those terms could result in enforcement action. Further, since the hearing rights associated with any NRC-issued order are time-sensitive, it is always in the recipient's best interest to carefully review the order and respond in a timely manner so that those rights are not jeopardized.

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