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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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In the Matter of)	Docket No. 40-8838-MLA
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U.S.ARMY)	ASLBP No. 00-776-04-MLA
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(Jefferson Proving Ground Site))	August 24, 2007
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RESPONSE OF SAVE THE VALLEY, INC. TO ARMY'S MOTION TO STRIKE PARTS OF THE TESTIMONY OF ITS OWN WITNESS ANAGNOSTOPOULOS

Intervener Save the Valley, Inc. ("STV"), by counsel, respectfully responds to the Army's motion to strike parts of the testimony of its own witness, Harold W. Anagnostopoulos, filed this date, as follows:

- 1. The Army's motion is correct that Mr. Anagnostopoulos has breached the confidentiality agreement among the Army, the Staff and STV with respect to the settlement negotiations between the parties conducted in this matter late last summer and early last fall.
- 2. The Army's motion is incomplete, however, in that it fails to state that Mr. Anagnostopoulos has also grossly mischaracterized crucial elements of those negotiations. Arguably, by filing the testimony of Mr. Anagnostopoulos in the form that it did, the Army has waived any claim of confidentiality it would otherwise have with respect to the positions and statements of Mr. Anagnostopoulos regarding the specific matters addressed in the parts of his testimony which the Army has moved to strike. However, absent specific direction from the Board, STV perceives little benefit to the record of this proceeding at this time of providing its own verified statement regarding the actual positions taken and statements made by Mr. Anagnostopoulos during the negotiations regarding the specific matters addressed in the parts of his

testimony which the Army has moved to strike.

- 3. Notwithstanding this perception on STV's part, STV must unequivocally and categorically dispute, on the record, the accuracy of certain statements of Mr. Anagnostopoulos which the Army has moved to strike, as follows:
- a. It was *not* Mr. Anagnostopoulos who asserted in the negotiations that "[t]he real technical issue here is the uncertainty in the U-238 measurement, in the U-234 measurement, and the propagation of those uncertainties into the calculation of the U-238:U-234 ratio" associated with the Army's use of alpha spectroscopy (AS) to measure low levels of radioactivity at JPG;
- b. It was *not* Mr. Anagnostopoulos who proposed in the negotiations "[a]nother analytical method, inductively coupled plasma mass spectroscopy (ICP MS), [as] a possible alternative to alpha spectroscopy for the evaluation of characterization samples at JPG."; and
- c. While he did inject another complicating phenomenon by way of rebuttal when the issue of fractionation was raised in the negotiations, it was *not* Mr. Anagnostopoulos who introduced the issue of fractionation or expressed concern regarding its implications for the evaluation of characterization samples at JPG.
- 4. Notwithstanding the inaccuracy of certain of the statements made by Mr. Anagnostopoulos regarding last year's negotiations among the parties which the Army has moved to strike, STV welcomes Mr. Anagnostopoulos' present position that "[t]he real technical issue here is the uncertainty in the U-238 measurement, in the U-234 measurement, and the propagation of those uncertainties into the calculation of the U-238:U-234 ratios" associated with the Army's use of alpha spectroscopy (AS) to measure low levels of radioactivity at JPG. Similarly, STV welcomes his present position that "a possible alternative to

alpha spectroscoy for the evaluation of characterization samples at JPG" is inductively coupled plasma - mass spectroscopy. Finally, STV welcomes Mr. Anagnostopoulos' present position that the phenomenon of fractionation is another complicating factor with respect to the evaluation of characterization samples at JPG.

5. Having made this supplementary filing to dispute the accuracy of certain of the statements of Mr. Anagnostopoulos which the Army has moved to strike, STV supports the Army's motion to strike.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "Response of Save the Valley, Inc., to Army's Motion to Strike Parts of the Testimony of Its Own Witness Anagnostopoulos" have been served this 24th day of August, 2007, upon the following persons by electronic mail and by U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid.

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Dear Secretary:

Enclosed please find for filing in the above-referenced docket the original and two conformed copies of the above-referenced filing, along with the related Certificate of Service.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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