
IN THE MATTER OF
CLIFTON VANGUILDER,
A FORMER ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER III
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

NOTICE OF REASONABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to Executive Law §94(12)(b), the Commission on Public Integrity ("Commission") has determined that there is reasonable cause to believe that, while employed as an Environmental Engineer III for the Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC"), you violated Public Officers Law §§73(5) and 74(3)(d), (f) and (h) when you solicited the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") to fund a position for you as a consultant to DEC at the Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory ("KAPL"), while you had an active matter involving KAPL before you. DOE holds a license from DEC for its operations at KAPL.

As required by law, a copy of this notice is retained by the Commission for public inspection and a copy is forwarded to the DEC, your former appointing authority. Please be advised that an individual who, following a hearing, is found to have knowingly and intentionally violated the provisions of Public Officers Law §73(5) shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for each violation. In addition, an individual who, following a hearing, is found to have knowingly and intentionally violates Public Officers Law §74(3)(d) shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 and the value of any gift, compensation or benefit received as a result of such violation.

Dated: 10-22-2009

By: 

Barry Ginsberg
Executive Director
and General Counsel
Commission on Public Integrity

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Pete Grannis
Commissioner of Environmental Conservation