

controlled substances in amounts not reasonably related to the proper medical management of patients' illnesses or conditions. *Id.* at Att. 2. In her Voluntary Surrender, Respondent stated: "I understand and acknowledge I will have no authority to order, dispense, distribute, administer or prescribe controlled substances in the state of Alabama." *Id.* Thus, there is no dispute that Respondent voluntarily surrendered her authority to handle controlled substances in Alabama. Further, as recorded by the State Board, the status of Respondent's CSC is "Inactive-Failed to Renew." *Id.* at Att. 4. Based on my review of the website of the State Board and the Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama, the status of Respondent's CSC has not changed.<sup>2</sup> Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and Medical Licensure Commission of Alabama Online License Verification, [https://abme.egovsolution.com/online/Lookups/Individual\\_Lookup.aspx](https://abme.egovsolution.com/online/Lookups/Individual_Lookup.aspx) (last visited May 22, 2019).

Accordingly, I find that Respondent currently is without authority to dispense controlled substances in Alabama, the State in which she is registered.

#### Discussion

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(3), the Attorney General is authorized to suspend or revoke a registration issued under section 823 of the Controlled Substances Act (hereinafter, CSA), "upon a finding that the registrant . . . has had [her] State license or registration suspended . . . [or] revoked . . . by competent State authority and is no longer authorized by State law to engage in the . . . dispensing of controlled substances." With respect to a practitioner, the DEA has long held that the possession of authority to dispense controlled substances under the laws of the State in which a practitioner engages in professional practice is a fundamental condition for obtaining and maintaining a practitioner's registration. *See, e.g., James L. Hooper, M.D.,* 76 FR 71,371 (2011), *pet. for rev. denied,* 481 Fed. Appx. 826 (4th Cir. 2012); *Frederick*

*Marsh Blanton, M.D.,* 43 FR 27,616, 27,617 (1978).

This rule derives from the text of two provisions of the CSA. First, Congress defined the term "practitioner" to mean "a physician . . . or other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted, by . . . the jurisdiction in which [s]he practices . . . , to dispense, . . . [or] administer . . . a controlled substance in the course of professional practice." 21 U.S.C. § 802(21). Second, in setting the requirements for obtaining a practitioner's registration, Congress directed that "[t]he Attorney General shall register practitioners . . . if the applicant is authorized to dispense . . . controlled substances under the laws of the State in which [s]he practices." 21 U.S.C. § 823(f). Because Congress has clearly mandated that a practitioner possess State authority in order to be deemed a practitioner under the CSA, the DEA has held repeatedly that revocation of a practitioner's registration is the appropriate sanction whenever a practitioner is no longer authorized to dispense controlled substances under the laws of the State in which she practices. *See, e.g., Hooper, supra,* 76 FR at 71,371–72; *Sheran Arden Yeates, M.D.,* 71 FR 39,130, 39,131 (2006); *Dominick A. Ricci, M.D.,* 58 FR 51,104, 51,105 (1993); *Bobby Watts, M.D.,* 53 FR 11,919, 11,920 (1988), *Blanton, supra,* 43 FR at 27,617.

Here, the undisputed evidence in the record is that Respondent voluntarily surrendered her Alabama CSC. The fact that Respondent may, some day, regain her State registration to dispense controlled substances does not change the salient fact that Respondent is not currently authorized to handle controlled substances in the State in which she is registered. *Mehdi Nikparvarfard, M.D.,* 83 FR 14,503, 14,504 (2018). Respondent, therefore, is not eligible for a DEA COR. Accordingly, I will order that Respondent's DEA COR be revoked and that any pending application for the renewal or modification of that COR be denied. 21 U.S.C. §§ 823(f) and 824(a)(3).

#### Order

Pursuant to 28 CFR § 0.100(b) and the authority vested in me by 21 U.S.C. § 824(a), I order that DEA COR No. FK0505428 issued to Elizabeth C. Korcz, M.D., be, and it hereby is, revoked. Pursuant to 28 CFR § 0.100(b) and the authority vested in me by 21 U.S.C. § 823(f), I further order that any pending application of Elizabeth C. Korcz, M.D., to renew or modify this registration, as well as any other pending application by her for registration in the State of Alabama be, and it hereby is, denied. This Order is effective July 15, 2019.

Dated: May 22, 2019.

**Uttam Dhillon,**  
*Acting Administrator.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### Drug Enforcement Administration

##### [Docket No. DEA-392]

#### Bulk Manufacturer of Controlled Substances Application: Eli-Elsohly Laboratories

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**DATES:** Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic classes, and applicants therefore, may file written comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before August 12, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration, Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrisette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.33(a), this is notice that on March 14, 2019, Eli-Elsohly Laboratories, Mahmoud A. Elsohly Ph.D., 5 Industrial Park Drive, Oxford, Mississippi 38655 applied to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the following basic classes of controlled substances:

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Marihuana Extract .....	7350	I
Marihuana .....	7360	I

<sup>2</sup> Under the Administrative Procedure Act, an agency "may take official notice of facts at any stage in a proceeding—even in the final decision." United States Department of Justice, Attorney General's Manual on the Administrative Procedure Act 80 (1947) (Wm. W. Gaunt & Sons, Inc., Reprint 1979). Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 556(e), "[w]hen an

agency decision rests on official notice of a material fact not appearing in the evidence in the record, a party is entitled, on timely request, to an opportunity to show the contrary." Accordingly, Respondent may dispute my finding by filing a properly supported motion for reconsideration within 15 calendar days of the date of this Order.

Any such motion shall be filed with the Office of the Administrator and a copy shall be served on the Government; in the event Respondent files a motion, the Government shall have 15 calendar days to file a response.

Controlled substance	Drug code	Schedule
Tetrahydrocannabinols .....	7370	I
Dihydromorphine .....	9145	I
Amphetamine .....	1100	II
Methamphetamine .....	1105	II
Cocaine .....	9041	II
Codeine .....	9050	II
Dihydrocodeine .....	9120	II
Oxycodone .....	9143	II
Hydromorphone .....	9150	II
Ergonine .....	9180	II
Hydrocodone .....	9193	II
Morphine .....	9300	II
Thebaine .....	9333	II
Oxymorphone .....	9652	II

The company plans to manufacture the listed controlled substances for product development and reference standards. In reference to drug codes 7360 (marijuana) and 7370 (THC), the company plans to isolate these controlled substances from procured 7350 (marijuana extract). In reference to drug code 7360, no cultivation activities are authorized for this registration. No other activities for these drug codes are authorized for this registration.

Dated: June 3, 2019.

**John J. Martin,**  
Assistant Administrator.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Procedures for Meetings

#### Background

This notice describes procedures to be followed with respect to meetings conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). These procedures are set forth so that they may be incorporated by reference in future notices for individual meetings.

The ACRS is a statutory advisory Committee established by Congress to review and report on nuclear safety matters and applications for the licensing of nuclear facilities. The Committee's reports become a part of the public record.

The ACRS meetings are conducted in accordance with FACA; they are normally open to the public and provide opportunities for oral or written statements from members of the public to be considered as part of the Committee's information gathering

process. ACRS reviews do not normally encompass matters pertaining to environmental impacts other than those related to radiological safety.

The ACRS meetings are not adjudicatory hearings such as those conducted by the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel as part of the Commission's licensing process.

#### General Rules Regarding ACRS Full Committee Meetings

An agenda will be published in the **Federal Register** for each full Committee meeting. There may be a need to make changes to the agenda to facilitate the conduct of the meeting. The Chairman of the Committee is empowered to conduct the meeting in a manner that, in his/her judgment, will facilitate the orderly conduct of business, including making provisions to continue the discussion of matters not completed on the scheduled day on another day of the same meeting. Persons planning to attend the meeting may contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) specified in the **Federal Register** notice prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes to the agenda that may have occurred.

The following requirements shall apply to public participation in ACRS Full Committee meetings:

(a) Persons who plan to submit written comments at the meeting should provide 35 copies to the DFO at the beginning of the meeting. Persons who cannot attend the meeting, but wish to submit written comments regarding the agenda items may do so by sending a readily reproducible copy addressed to the DFO specified in the **Federal Register** notice, care of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments should be limited to items being considered by the Committee. Comments should be in the possession of the DFO 5 days prior to the meeting

to allow time for reproduction and distribution.

(b) Persons desiring to make oral statements at the meeting should make a request to do so to the DFO; if possible, the request should be made 5 days before the meeting, identifying the topic(s) on which oral statements will be made and the amount of time needed for presentation so that orderly arrangements can be made. The Committee will hear oral statements on topics being reviewed at an appropriate time during the meeting as scheduled by the Chairman.

(c) Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained by contacting the DFO.

(d) The use of still, motion picture, and television cameras will be permitted at the discretion of the Chairman and subject to the condition that the use of such equipment will not interfere with the conduct of the meeting. The DFO will have to be notified prior to the meeting and will authorize the use of such equipment after consultation with the Chairman. The use of such equipment will be restricted as is necessary to protect proprietary or privileged information that may be in documents, folders, etc., in the meeting room. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

(e) A transcript will be kept for certain open portions of the meeting and will be available in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), One White Flint North, Room O-1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. A copy of the certified minutes of the meeting will be available at the same location three months following the meeting. Copies may be obtained upon payment of appropriate reproduction charges. ACRS meeting agendas, transcripts, and letter reports are