

# **Exhibit A**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

<p>AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS d/b/a/ ASTM INTERNATIONAL;</p> <p>NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.; and</p> <p>AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING, REFRIGERATING, AND AIR CONDITIONING ENGINEERS,</p> <p style="text-align:right">Plaintiffs/ Counter-Defendants,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>PUBLIC.RESOURCE.ORG, INC.,</p> <p style="text-align:right">Defendant/ Counter-Plaintiff.</p>	<p>Case No. 1:13-cv-01215-TSC</p>
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**ORDER REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY OF DISCOVERY  
MATERIAL AND INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE OF PRIVILEGED MATERIAL**

Whereas, the parties have stipulated that certain discovery material be treated as confidential and that certain provisions of Fed. R. Evid. 502 be incorporated in an order, it is hereby ORDERED by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia:

**1. Designation of Discovery Material as Confidential or Highly Confidential.**

All documents produced in the course of discovery, all Answers to Interrogatories, all Answers to Requests for Admission, all Responses to Requests for Production of Documents, all expert disclosures, and all deposition testimony, deposition transcripts and deposition exhibits (hereinafter "Discovery Material") shall be subject to this Order concerning confidential and highly confidential information, as set forth below:

- (a) The designation of confidential information shall be made by placing or

affixing on a document, in a manner which will not interfere with its legibility, the word “CONFIDENTIAL.” One who provides material may designate it as “CONFIDENTIAL” only when such person in good faith believes that the material is, in fact, “confidential material.” For purposes of this Order, “confidential material” is material which is not known or available to the public and which constitutes technical know-how; confidential research, development or commercial information; purchase and/or sales data; proprietary commercial, financial, technical, research, development, or business information; or any other confidential, private, or proprietary information that is used in the party’s business. A party shall not routinely designate material as “CONFIDENTIAL,” or make such a designation without reasonable inquiry to determine whether the material at issue qualifies for such designation.

(b) The designation of highly confidential information shall be made by placing or affixing on a document, in a manner which will not interfere with its legibility, the wording “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY.” One who provides material may designate it as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” only when such person in good faith believes that the material is, in fact, “highly confidential material.” For purposes of this Order, “highly confidential material” is material that consists of or contains personal, technical, scientific, business or financial information, including – without limitation – trade secrets, sales, business strategy and planning information, and commercial and financial information, which (i) has not been made public; (ii) is proprietary or otherwise sensitive; and (iii) is of such nature that

disclosure to the opposing party could cause substantial harm to the disclosing party.

(c) Except for documents produced for inspection prior to copying and during depositions, the designation of confidential and/or highly confidential information shall be made prior to or contemporaneously with the production or disclosure of that information. In the event that documents are produced for inspection at the party's facilities, such documents may be produced for inspection before being marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY." Once specific documents have been designated for copying, any documents containing confidential or highly confidential information will then be marked confidential or highly confidential after copying but before delivery to the party who inspected and designated the documents. There will be no waiver of confidentiality by the inspection of confidential or highly confidential documents before they are copied and marked "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" pursuant to this procedure.

(d) Portions of depositions shall be deemed confidential or highly confidential only if they are designated as such when the deposition is taken or within thirty days after receipt of the transcript. Any testimony which describes a document that has been designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" shall also be deemed to be designated "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY" (as the case may be).

(e) Information or documents designated as "CONFIDENTIAL" or "HIGHLY

CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” under this Order shall not be used or disclosed by the parties or counsel for the parties or any persons identified in subparagraph (f) below for any purposes whatsoever other than preparing for and conducting the litigation in which the information or documents were disclosed (including appeals).

(f) The parties and counsel for the parties shall not disclose or permit the disclosure of any documents or information designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” under this Order to any other person or entity, except that disclosures may be made in the following circumstances:

- (i) Disclosure of confidential and highly confidential materials may be made to counsel of record for the parties to this lawsuit, as well as in-house counsel for the parties to this lawsuit.
- (ii) Disclosure of confidential material may be made only to officers, principals, directors, and non-legal employees of a party who are required in good faith to provide assistance in the conduct of the litigation in which the information was disclosed. Disclosure of highly confidential material may not be made to non-legal officers, principals, directors, or employees of a party.
- (iii) Disclosure of confidential and highly confidential material may be made to court reporters engaged for depositions.
- (iv) Disclosure of confidential and highly confidential materials may be made to the Court and court personnel and any subsequent appellate

body to which an appeal is taken in this matter, if filed in accordance with Paragraph 2 hereof.

(v) Disclosure of confidential and highly confidential materials may be made to non-employee consultants, investigators, or experts and their employees (hereinafter referred to collectively as “experts”) employed by the parties or counsel for the parties to assist in the preparation and trial of the lawsuit. Prior to disclosure to any expert, the expert must be informed of and agree in writing to the terms of this Protective Order by executing an acknowledgement statement (in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A), which indicates that he or she has read this Protective Order and agrees to be bound in all respects by its terms.

(vi) Disclosure of confidential and highly confidential materials may also be made to:

- Independent support services, including legal interpreters, document reproduction services, computer imaging services, jury consultants, and demonstrative exhibit services;
- Individuals who authored, or prior to this action, received, the designated document or material; and
- Any other person agreed to by the parties or allowed by this Court.

(g) Except as provided in subparagraph (f) above, counsel for the parties shall keep all documents designated as confidential or highly confidential which are received under this Order secure within their exclusive possession and shall take reasonable

efforts to place such documents in a secure area.

(h) All copies, duplicates, extracts, summaries, or descriptions (hereinafter referred to collectively as “copies”) of documents or information designated as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” under this Order, or any portion thereof, shall be immediately affixed with the wording “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” if that wording does not already appear.

2. **Confidential Information Filed with Court.** To the extent that any materials subject to this Order (or any pleading, motion or memorandum disclosing them) are proposed to be filed or are filed with the Court, those materials and papers, or any portion thereof which discloses confidential or highly confidential information, shall be filed under seal (by the filing party) according to the Court’s rules. The Interim Sealing Motion shall be governed by L.R. 5.1(h). Even if the filing party believes that the materials subject to the Confidentiality Order are not properly classified as confidential or highly confidential, the filing party shall file the Interim Sealing Motion; provided, however, that the filing of the Interim Sealing Motion shall be wholly without prejudice to the filing party’s rights under paragraph (3) of this Confidentiality Order. Where possible, efforts should be taken to limit sealed materials to exhibits, declarations, or other supplemental filings so that the briefs themselves may remain publicly accessible.

3. **Challenging Designation of Confidentiality or High Confidentiality.** A designation of materials as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS’ EYES ONLY” may be challenged upon motion. The receiving party shall notify the designating party, in good faith and in writing, of its challenge to the designated material as “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—ATTORNEYS’ EYES

ONLY.” If the parties are unable to agree within ten (10) business days whether or not the material is appropriately designated, the receiving party may file an appropriate motion requesting that the Court determine whether the disputed information has been appropriately designated. The burden of proving that a document is confidential or highly confidential remains with the party asserting such confidentiality or high confidentiality. The provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(a)(5) apply to such motions.

4. **Treatment of Discovery Material That is Subpoenaed in Other Litigation.** If a party or non-party bound by the terms of this Order receives a subpoena or other form of compulsory process requiring it (the “Subpoenaed Party”) to produce confidential or highly confidential Discovery Material received from a party to this litigation, the Subpoenaed Party shall promptly notify the disclosing party of the service of such subpoena. If the disclosing party elects to resist the production of confidential or highly confidential Discovery Material under the subpoena, it shall promptly notify the Subpoenaed Party and the latter shall cooperate in affording the disclosing party the opportunity to oppose or limit the Subpoenaed Party’s production of such Discovery Materials.

5. **Return of Confidential and Highly Confidential Material at Conclusion of Litigation.** Within sixty (60) days of final disposition of the litigation, all material treated as confidential or highly confidential under this Order and not received in evidence shall be returned to the disclosing party, except for one copy which may be retained by counsel of record for archival purposes only, and except for any abstracts or summaries or other memoranda prepared by persons identified in paragraph 1(f) above who obtained the confidential or highly confidential material and any part of the official record which is or contains confidential or highly confidential material. The parties agree that all retained



confidential or highly confidential material, and any information contained therein, will continue to be treated as provided in this Protective Order and that such continuing obligation shall survive the final disposition of this action. The material may be destroyed instead of being returned. The party returning and/or destroying Confidential and/or Highly Confidential Material must promptly certify in writing its compliance with the requirements of this paragraph.

**6. Non-Waiver of Confidentiality for Discovery Material Inadvertently Produced Without a Confidentiality Designation.** Any Discovery Material containing confidential or highly confidential information that has been inadvertently produced without identification as to its confidential nature may be so designated by the Disclosing Party through written notice to counsel for the opposing party which identifies the non-designated Discovery Material as confidential or highly confidential information within a reasonable time following the discovery that such information has been produced without a proper confidentiality designation.

**7. Prohibition on Use of Information and Documents Obtained in Discovery for Purposes Other than This Litigation.** The Parties and their attorneys shall not use any information or documents obtained during discovery in this matter, regardless of whether the information and/or documents are designated Confidential, Highly Confidential, or are not assigned any confidentiality designation, for any purpose other than preparing for and conducting this litigation, including any appeals.

**8. Non-Waiver of Privilege for Inadvertently Disclosed Material.** Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d), the inadvertent disclosure of any document that is subject to a legitimate claim that the document is subject to the attorney-client

privilege, work-product protection, or any other applicable privilege or protection shall not waive the protection or the privilege for either that document or for the subject matter of that document.

9. **Return of Inadvertently Disclosed Materials.** Regardless of whether the requesting party disputes the claim, any documents the disclosing party deems to have been inadvertently disclosed and to be subject to the attorney-client privilege, work-product protection, or any other applicable privilege shall be, upon written request, promptly returned to the disclosing party, or destroyed, at the disclosing party's option.

10. **Procedure for Disputes Regarding Allegedly Inadvertently Disclosed Material.** If the receiving party disputes whether a disclosed document is privileged or is protected work product, after the receiving party notifies counsel for the disclosing party of the dispute, the parties shall meet and confer in good faith as to whether such material is privileged or work product protected. If the parties are unable to reach agreement, the receiving party may, within twenty (20) days after the parties have met and conferred, file a motion for an appropriate order from this Court. Any such motion shall be filed under seal with the Court. The disclosing party shall have the burden of establishing that the material is covered by privilege or work product protection.

11. **Provision of Advice to Clients.** Nothing in this Protective Order shall bar or otherwise restrict any attorney from rendering advice to his or her client with respect to this action and, in the course thereof, from generally referring to or relying upon the examination of documents produced or information revealed in deposition or trial transcripts. In rendering such advice or in otherwise communicating with his or her client, the attorney shall not disclose the content of any document, material, or information except as permitted under section 1(f).

12. **Amendment.** This Protective Order may be amended without leave of Court and by agreement of the parties in the form of a stipulation that shall be filed in this action.

13. **Nothing in this Protective Order Shall Constitute:** (a) an agreement by the parties to produce any document or supply any information or testimony in discovery not otherwise agreed upon or required by order or this Court; (b) a waiver by any person or party of any right to object to or seek an additional protective order with respect to any discovery request in this action; or (c) a waiver of any claim of immunity or privilege with regard to any testimony, documents, or information.

\_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Attorneys for Plaintiff American Society for Testing and Materials*

\_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Attorneys for Plaintiff National Fire Protection Association, Inc.*

\_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Attorneys for Plaintiff American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers*

\_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Attorneys for Defendant Public.Resource.Org, Inc.*

\_\_\_\_\_ DATED: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Judge Tanya S. Chutkan*

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CERTIFICATION TO RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full name ], of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ [print or type full address],  
declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Protective  
Order that was issued by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in the case  
of *American Society for Testing and Materials, et al., v. Public.Resource.Org, Inc.*

I agree to comply with and be bound by all the terms of this Protective Order and I  
understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and  
punishment in the nature of contempt. I will not disclose in any manner any information or item  
that is subject to this Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the  
provisions of this Protective Order. I will not use any information or item that is subject to this  
Protective Order for any purpose beyond the instant litigation.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the  
District of Columbia for the purpose of enforcing the terms of this Protective Order, even if such  
enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this action.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State Where Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_