

**INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO**

Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua
January 26, 2007

MINUTE NO. 312

**OFFICIAL MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL, VEHICLES, AND
OTHER EQUIPMENT CROSSING THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY ON
OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION OR OF EITHER SECTION**

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua at 2:00 p.m. on January 26, 2007 to consider the official means of identification of personnel, vehicles, and other equipment crossing the international boundary between the United States of America and the United Mexican States in connection with the official business of the Commission or of either Section.

The Commissioners observed that pursuant to the Treaty Relating to the Utilization of the Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande (1944 Water Treaty), the jurisdiction of the Commission extends to the limitrophe parts of the Rio Grande and the Colorado River, to the land boundary between the two countries, and to works located upon their common boundary, each Section of the Commission retaining jurisdiction over that part of the works located within the limits of its own country. The Commissioners also noted that pursuant to the 1944 Water Treaty, the 1963 Convention between the United States of America and the United Mexican States for the Solution of the Problem of the Chamizal, and the 1970 Treaty to Resolve Pending Boundary Differences and Maintain the Rio Grande and Colorado River as the International Boundary between the United States of America and the United Mexican States, personnel employed directly or indirectly on the construction, operation, or maintenance of works provided for in these treaties shall be permitted to pass freely from one country to the other for the purpose of going to and from the place of the location of the works without any immigration restrictions, passports, or labor requirements. In addition, all materials, implements, equipment, and repair parts intended for the construction, operation, and maintenance of such works shall be exempt from taxes relating to imports and exports.

Further, the Commissioners pointed out that, in accordance with the aforementioned treaties, each Government is responsible for furnishing, through its own Section of the Commission, means of identification to the personnel employed by it on the works and verification certificates covering all materials, implements, equipment, and repair parts intended for the works.

The Commissioners observed that under Minute No. 160, "Action on Adoption of an Official Pennant for the International Boundary Commission, United States and Mexico,"

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dated November 12, 1937, the Commission adopted an official pennant or insignia for use as a more definite means of identification of automobiles, station wagons, trucks, and other vehicles operated by the personnel of the Commission in their travels across the international boundary on official business at regular ports of entry and at intermediate points, as well as on boats when engaged in operations on the Rio Grande and Colorado River where they form the international boundary. The Commissioners determined that each Section should retain the discretion to use the official pennant as a means of identification in accordance with the rules governing its use contained in Minute No. 160.

The Commissioners further observed that Minute No. 184, "Adoption of Official Means of Identification of Personnel, Vehicles, and other Equipment Crossing the International Boundary on Official Business of the Commission or of Either Section Thereof," dated January 21, 1947, set forth additional requirements for identification of personnel having occasion to cross the international boundary between the United States of America and the United Mexican States in connection with official business of the Commission or of either Section, and for the identification of vehicles and other equipment of the Commission or of either Section. The Commissioners recognized that Minute No. 281, "Modification of the Official Decal Adopted to Identify Personnel, Vehicles and Other Equipment of the Commission," dated March 17, 1990, modified the decal and the format of the Commission identification card that were established in Minute No. 184 as the official means of identification of personnel, vehicles, and other equipment of the Commission.

The Commissioners recognized that the Commission identification card adopted under Minute No. 281 has been used for more than 16 years to identify persons having occasion to cross the international boundary between the United States of America and the United Mexican States in connection with official business of the Commission or of either Section, and noted the need to adopt a more secure identification format that incorporates a tamper-evident hologram and additional identifying information about the bearer.

Based upon a review of the identification procedures in the aforementioned Minutes, the Commissioners adopted the following resolutions, subject to approval of the two Governments:

Official Commission Decal

1. The Commission shall continue to use the Commission decal adopted in Minute No. 281, as depicted in Exhibit 1 of the present Minute.
2. In addition to using this decal for identification of personnel and equipment, each Section, in accordance with its criteria and needs, may use this decal to identify its facilities and documents, and for other uses it considers proper.

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Identification of Official Personnel

3. The Commission adopts the identification card of which drawings are attached hereto as Exhibit 2, as its official means of identification for purposes of crossing the international boundary, of personnel of either Section that in the opinion of the respective Commissioner require official identification.
4. A transparent hologram label, in the shape of a square measuring approximately .75 inch (1.9 cm), or of such other size and shape as determined by the Commission, shall be affixed over the bearer's photograph. The hologram shall be imprinted with the Commission decal shown in Exhibit 1 in such a way that the underlying information can be seen through the printing. The hologram shall be tamper evident and shall self-destruct if an attempt is made to remove or reposition the label.
5. Each Section shall be responsible for the issuance of the identification cards depicted in Exhibit 2. A record shall be maintained of the issuance of each card, including the bearer's name, date and place of birth, nationality, description, official position, and a copy of the bearer's photograph that is affixed to the identification card. Cards issued by each Section shall be numbered serially; the series issued by the United States Section shall be designated by the letters "US" and the series issued by the Mexican Section shall be designated by the letter "M." The cards for identification of official personnel must contain the signatures of both Commissioners. Each Section shall promptly inform the other of the issuance or revocation of identification cards. Annually, in January, each Section shall be supplied a list of persons who are the bearers of currently valid cards issued by the other Section.
6. Each Section shall determine the expiration date for the identification cards that it issues to official personnel but in no case shall a card referred to in Resolution 3 be in effect for a period greater than 72 months.

Identification of Non-Official Personnel

7. The Commission adopts the identification card of which drawings are attached hereto as Exhibit 3, as its official means of identification of private contractors and their supervisory employees engaged on works of the Commission or of either Section thereof and having occasion to cross the international boundary in connection with such employment as in the opinion of the respective Section may require such identification.
8. The Commission adopts the identification card depicted in Exhibit 3 for personnel of other agencies of either of the two Governments collaborating

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with their respective Section having occasion to cross the international boundary on official business as in the opinion of the respective Section may require such identification unless in the opinion of the respective Commissioner such officials require the identification card depicted in Exhibit 2.

9. A transparent hologram label, in the shape of a square measuring approximately .75 inch (1.9 cm), or of such other size and shape as determined by the Commission, shall be affixed over the bearer's photograph. The hologram shall be imprinted with the Commission decal shown in Exhibit 1 in such a way that the underlying information can be seen through the printing. The hologram shall be tamper evident and shall self-destruct if an attempt is made to remove or reposition the label.
10. Each Section shall be responsible for the issuance to non-official personnel of the identification cards depicted in Exhibit 3. Each Commissioner, at his discretion, may designate a responsible member or members of his Section as the issuing officer or officers and shall notify the other Section of the selection. A record shall be maintained of the issuance of each card, including the bearer's name, date and place of birth, nationality, description, capacity in which employed, and a copy of the bearer's photograph that is affixed to the identification card. Cards issued by each Section shall be numbered serially; the series issued by the United States Section shall be designated by the letters "US" and the series issued by the Mexican Section shall be designated by the letter "M." The card for identification of non-official personnel must contain the signature of the responsible member of the Section issuing said card and the bearer's signature. Each issuing officer shall maintain at all times a list of currently valid cards, which, together with the record of issuance of individual cards, shall be available for examination by the other Section.
11. Each Section shall determine the expiration date for the identification cards that it issues to non-official personnel but in no case shall a card referred to in Resolution 7 be in effect for a period greater than 12 months.

Identification of Vehicles and Other Equipment

12. The Commission shall continue to use stickers in the form of the Commission decal, as depicted in Exhibit 1 of this Minute, to identify automobiles and other vehicles, including boats, and other equipment operated by personnel of the Commission along or across the international boundary. When necessary to identify these vehicles and equipment, the stickers are to be securely attached to the vehicles and equipment in such manner as to be readily visible. When additional means of identification of automobiles and other vehicles, including

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boats, operated by the personnel of the Commission along or across the international boundary are desired, each Section may use, at its discretion, the plates depicted in Exhibit 4 of this Minute, which are to be securely attached to said vehicles in such manner as to be readily visible. When additional means of identification of vehicles, including boats, are advisable in order to be visible at a greater distance than the aforementioned stickers or official plates, then the official pennants adopted by Minute No. 160 of the Commission may be used in the manner prescribed in that Minute at the discretion of each Section.

Identification of Buildings and Facilities

13. The Commission or either of the two Sections may use the official decal referred to in Resolution 1 of this Minute to identify the buildings where its offices are located, international hydraulic facilities such as dams and gaging stations, and any other facilities that are the responsibility of the Commission or of either of the two Sections.

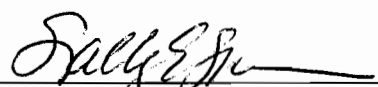
General Provisions

14. During the transition period in which the new cards for the identification of official and non-official personnel are adopted, which will not be greater than one year from the date that this Minute enters into force, the old identification cards for identification of official and non-official personnel will continue to be in effect.
15. This Minute shall supersede Minutes Nos. 184 and 281 upon entry into force.
16. This Minute shall enter into force upon notification of approval by the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States through the respective Section of the Commission.

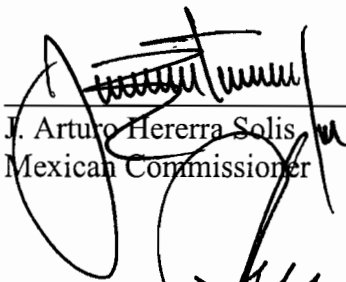
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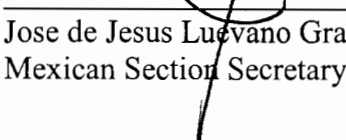
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