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Ms. Karen D. Cyr
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Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Ms. Cyr:

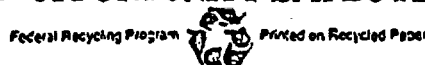
Section 3(a) of the Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C. § 632(a), authorizes the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish small business size standards. These size standards are promulgated by regulation codified at 13 CFR Part 121, and are used to determine eligibility for SBA and other Federal small business programs. The Small Business Act directs Federal agencies to use these size standards for their small business programs unless another size standard is specifically authorized or prescribed by statute, or the agency obtains the SBA's approval to establish its own program-specific size standard.

Currently, the SBA is in the process of restructuring its size standards as part of an Administration initiative to simplify small business size standards. Before the SBA proposes revisions to its size standards resulting from this project, we are attempting to assess the potential impact on Federal programs that use our size standards.

To assist the agency in identifying Federal agency programs that rely on the SBA's size standards, we request that you provide a list of all programs within your agency that utilize the SBA's small business size standards; and a brief description of how the standards are used, including any agency-specific statutory or regulatory requirement for using the size standards.

Please provide all requested information to my office by August 22, 2003. We request that you either fax or email the information to us. The fax number is (202) 481-2028 and e-mail address is sizestandards@sba.gov.

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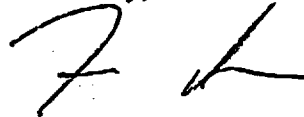
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Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter. We will inform you of any proposed rule to restructure size standards. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Diane Heal on 202-205-6960.

Sincerely,



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Associate Deputy Administrator
for Government Contracting and
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