March 17, 2006

Mr. Ernest J. Ward Abbington Associates 922 Route 33 Freehold, NJ 07728

Dear Mr. Ward:

We are in receipt of your letter dated January 3, 2006 requesting corrected invoices to reflect your attempts to terminate License 29-30736-01. In addition, you disputed the assessment of the annual fee due for Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 in another letter dated January 9, 2006. Our Region I (King of Prussia) licensing staff has begun the process of terminating your license based upon your request as noted in the letter dated January 3, 2006. Also, we have reviewed your case and determined that the invoiced amount for FY 2005 is due and payable by Abbington Associates and, a 50 percent proration will be due and payable for FY 2006.

The annual fee covers the period October 1 to September 30. Licensees who file to terminate a license prior to October 1 and who permanently ceased operations by September 30 avoid assessment of the annual fee for the fiscal year. Additionally, 10 CFR 171.17(b) provides that licensees who file for license termination or for a possession/storage only status and permanently cease operation during the period from October1 through March 31 of the fiscal year, are accessed one-half of the annual fee.

We received your request to terminate License 29-30736-01 in a letter dated February 23, 2005. On April 4, 2005, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) sent you a letter stating that the application for termination was deficient and that certain additional information was required within 30 days. Abbington and Associates, Inc. failed to respond within the 30 day period. As a result, NRC notified you by letter on May 25, 2005 that your application for termination of License 29-30736-01 was void, therefore, you did not meet the requirements to avoid assessment of the FY 2005 annual fee or for receiving a 50 percent proration. Additionally, your request for termination dated January 3, 2006, was not filed timely for avoiding assessment of the FY 2006 annual fee, but met the requirements for a 50 percent proration.

On May 2, 2005, Abbington Associates, Inc. was issued Invoice AM2666-05 in the amount of \$2,500. Your failure to make payment for Invoice AM2666-05 resulted in the revocation of License 29-30736-01 and your account being referred to the United States Department of the Treasury for collection. The current amount due including late charges and collection fees is \$3,464.70. Failure to make payment within 30 days from the date of this letter will result in additional charges being assessed.

Please send payment to the following address:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ATTN: Accounts Receivable Team P.O. Box 954514 St. Louis, MO 63195-4514 The NRC accepts credit cards for the payment of annual fees. If you wish to pay by credit card, the enclosed authorization form should be completed. If there are any questions concerning a credit card payment, please contact Leah Tremper at (301) 415-7347. If there are any questions concerning the assessment of the annual fee, please contact Shirley Crutchfield at (301) 415-6097.

Sincerely,

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