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Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee exemption; therefore, staff hours and the contractor cost if applicable will be billed accordingly.

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