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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Division of Finance Management Attn: Jesse L. Funches, CFO Office of the Chief Financial Officer Washington, D.C. 20555-001

Dear Mr. Funches:

RE: NRC Byproduct Materials License 45-00048-17
Reassignment of Fee Category – Full Wavier

On January 16, 2007, the University received a letter from Gordon Peterson, Chief of the License Fee Team, regarding the reassignment of our Fee Category from 7C to 7B. The Radiation Safety Staff is reviewing this issue and considering the University's options at this point in time. Had we been aware of this reassignment during our last licensing renewal in 1999, we might have chosen to license the Hospital separately from the University. This is one of the options we are presently considering.

The reassessment of fees retroactively to the year of our last license renewal seems unfair and also creates a notable fiscal problem for the University. As a State educational facility, all budgets are balanced out at the end of each fiscal year. Unless excess funds are designated for specific issues, they are reassigned to other the State programs. While the University can make the adjustment to pay the 7B fee for the 06-07 fiscal year, the \$147,600 retroactive assessment fee is a substantial burden. We would respectful ask that a full wavier be granted to relieve the University of this financial debt which does not arise out of an error made by the University or the University's failure to pay the previous fees we were assessed.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact Dr. Broga at (804) 828-5877. We appreciate your prompt assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

J. Ohlinger, PE

Associate Vice President for Facilities Management