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Although a fee exemption is granted, it is important to reinforce that the NRC is required by law to recover 90% of its operating expense through user fees. While the effort described in this letter is exempt from direct fee assessment, NRC resources expended to resolve this issue will be included in fees assessed in accordance with 10 CFR 171.

If you have any technical questions regarding this matter, please contact Balwant K. Singal at 301-415-3016. For any fee-related questions, please contact Rebecca I. Erickson of my staff at 301-415-7126.

Sincerely,

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