



**UNITED STATES**  
**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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November 21, 2013

Marisol Sanchez, Esquire  
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Dear Ms. Sanchez:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated September 23, 2013, concerning your request for fee relief due to recently invoiced prior year charges to Endress+Hauser (E+H).

In your letter to the NRC, you detailed the timeline of events that led to this situation, namely that E+H was recently invoiced for \$63,750.00 in fees related to prior fiscal years. The NRC assesses annual fees based on whether a licensee holds a valid NRC license that authorizes possession and use of radioactive materials. Therefore, your license is subject to the annual fees in 10 CFR Part 171 of the Commission's annual fee regulations. There is no statute of limitations which bars collection of annual fees owed to the NRC and we are required by Federal Claims and Collections Standards to collect any known valid debt.

Based upon the NRC's existing standards, I cannot approve your request for debt relief under 10 CFR 15.43. However, in order to address your concerns of presenting an unfair financial burden to your company, I am prepared to offer the following:

- Offer an installment loan of up to five years to pay these fees, and
- Waive the standard one percent interest and seven dollar monthly account maintenance fee that we normally charge

If these terms are acceptable, please contact Seth Coplin on my staff, at 301-415-6927, to set up the installment loan within 10 business days. If you decline this option, please provide full payment to the NRC to avoid further penalties.

Please note if you agree to this plan, that if at any time over the life of the installment loan, one payment is missed and/or late, your debt will be referred to the Department of Treasury. I appreciate your time in writing both your original letter, as well as, reviewing this correspondence.

If you need any addition information, please contact Seth Coplin.

Sincerely,

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