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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTN: Maureen E. Wylie  
Chief Financial Officer  
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
Washington DC 20555-0001

Dear Ms. Wylie:

This letter is to request a continuation of our non-power reactor license fee exemption per the NRC fee regulations contained in 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171. The U.S. Geological Survey was first granted an exemption from the FY 1992 annual license fee for its non-power reactor in Denver, CO, and that exemption has continued through FY 2015. This letter is to certify that the U.S. Geological Survey's research reactor in Denver continues to meet the exemption criteria specified in 10 CFR 171.11(b)(2). The operation and design of the reactor have not changed since our original exemption request contained in letters dated 10/19/92 and 2/11/93.

Please continue the fee exemption for USGS License R-113 through FY2016. If this request needs further clarification, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim DeBey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim DeBey

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