

August 11, 2016



Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
PO Box 979051  
St. Louis, MO 63197

Attn: Maureen Wylie  
Re: Invoice LFB 16-2958

I am writing this letter in regards to invoice LFB 16-2958 for \$8,000.00 for Design Alaska, license number 50-29210.02. According to the Federal Government Design Alaska qualifies as a small business and would qualify for this invoice to be waived or lowered, but it is our understanding that we do not qualify according to the USNRC guidelines as a small business. We are asking if there is any way we could lower or prorate to 6 months the above mentioned invoice to help our already hurting "small business"?

Design Alaska maintained a small materials testing laboratory for a number of years. Our lab was started to assist our clients with any services we could and it helped strengthen our designs as well as the knowledge of our design staff. On the 21<sup>st</sup> of January, 2016 Design Alaska had to make several cuts within the company and closing the lab was one of them. As with winter's in Alaska, there isn't much work that goes on, our last job involving field testing in the lab was September 15<sup>th</sup> of 2015. We happily found a company to purchase the gages and many other pieces of equipment on March 23<sup>th</sup>, but the nuclear equipment sat in the lab until June 21<sup>st</sup> as we worked out the logistics to package and ship the equipment to the Canadian company. It was our understanding that we needed to maintain our license with NRC as long as we had possession of the nuclear gages, so we submitted our termination request on July 18<sup>th</sup> as we were able to get the appropriate paperwork together. Since then, we have learned that we were not required to maintain our license and would have been able to terminate it within the 6 month window that would have made us eligible for a reduced (prorated) payment amount.

The above mentioned invoice is more money than we made on the sale of our nuclear equipment. This invoice is a large hit to our company that is fragile at this time. Design Alaska's lab was a very small lab run by two people most of the time, none of which were dedicated staff to the lab, it was difficult to be up to speed on what needed to happen in what order when closing the lab down. Please feel free to contact me to discuss this further. We would very much appreciate your efforts on lowering the above invoice to half of what it is. Please respond to our specific request.

Sincerely,

**Design Alaska, Inc.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Miller".

Chris Miller, PE  
President

encl: Termination Request NRC      cc: John Rowe

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

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| <b>Name and Address of Applicant and/or Licensee</b><br><br>Ashley Hall<br>Radiation Safety Officer<br>Design Alaska, Inc.<br>601 College Road,<br>Fairbanks, Alaska 99701 | <b>Date</b><br>07/25/2016                                     |
|  | <b>License Number(s)</b><br>50-29210-02                       |
|  | <b>Mail Control Number(s)</b><br>591501                       |
|  | <b>Licensing and/or Technical Reviewer or Branch</b><br>CHill |

This is to acknowledge receipt of your:  Letter and/or  Application Dated: 07/18/2016

The initial processing, which included an administrative review, has been performed.  
 Amendment  Termination  New License  Renewal

There were no administrative omissions identified during our initial review.

This is to acknowledge receipt of your application for renewal of the material(s) license identified above. Your application is deemed timely filed, and accordingly, the license will not expire until final action has been taken by this office.

Your application for a new NRC license did not include your taxpayer identification number. Please complete and submit NRC Form 531, Request for Taxpayer Identification Number, located at the following link: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/forms/nrc531.pdf>  
 Follow the instructions on the form for submission.

The following administrative omissions have been identified:

Your application has been assigned the above listed MAIL CONTROL NUMBER. When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number. Your application has been forwarded to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review, which is normally completed within 180 days for a renewal application (90 days for all other requests), may identify additional omissions or require additional information. If you have any questions concerning the processing of your application, our contact information is listed below:

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