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UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

The Honorable Robert S. Walker
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Walker:

I am pleased to respond to your inquiry of November 28, 1979, concerning a letter from Dr. William Conners, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, regarding the use of monies collected as license fees by the Federal government and state governments.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission conducts its license fee program and deposits all revenues collected from this program in accordance with the provisions of Title V of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952 (IOAA). Title V provides in pertinent part:

It is the sense of Congress that any work, service, publication, report, document, benefit, privilege, authority, use, franchise, license, permit, certificate, registration, or similar thing of value or utility performed, furnished, provided, granted, or issued by any Federal agency to or for any person shall be self-sustaining to the full extent possible and...each Federal agency is authorized by regulation...to prescribe therefor such fee, charge, or price, if any, as he shall determine....and any amount so determined or redetermined shall be collected and paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission operates within the limits of a Congressional approved budget and appropriations. No part of the monies collected as license or inspection fees under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR Part 170 are retained by the Commission. In fact, immediately upon receipt they are forwarded to the Treasury.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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