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Mr. Dennis Rathbun Director, Congressional Affairs U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I am writing on behalf of the Brunswick Hotel, located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which has brought to my attention a discrepancy in one of your Request For Proposals, #90-321.

In your advertisement in Commerce Business Daily, a facility for the SES Conference included the following (partial) requirements: "Contractor must be within one and one half hrs drive frm NRC Hdgrs in Rockville, MD, and be within a 45 minute drive to a major airport...All resp sources may submit a proposal which will be considered for award."

When the Brunswick Hotel obtained the actual RFP, there was an additional facility requirement, which stated, "The facility must also be within the Baltimore-Annapolis locale."

It appears to me that the NRC has decided that it only wants to be in the Baltimore-Annapolis area, and that any other facilities located within one and one half hours from your headquarters and within a 45 minute drive to a major airport have now been excluded.

I conclude from this that open, free and fair competition, and certainly, the best dollar value for the taxpayers, has been abandoned for this RFP, and that the whim of a few employees to go to the Annapolis or Baltimore areas instead overruled.

I request that you investigate this situation and look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Robert S. Walker

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