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Mr. Harold Price
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Washington, D. C. 20545

Dear Mr. Price:

There appears to be some confusion as to the interpretation of the existing AEC fee system, and how charges are pro-rated. The question mainly arises when an individual proposes to amend an existing Byproduct Materials License which authorizes possession and use to increase the amounts of isotope on hand with additional industrial gauging devices.

It is our interpretation that an individual would pay an initial \$40.00 application fee and a \$40.00 annual fee for this type of license. The same individual, in purchasing an additional gauge, containing say Cesium-137, would not expand his license into a higher fee category and would pay no additional charges to amend the license.

We would appreciate your clarifying this position in writing such that we may use copies of your letter to reassure customers proposing to amend licenses in this manner that no additional fees would be necessary.

Sincerely,

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