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Secretary of the Commission Attention - Docketing and Service Branch U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Washington, D. C. 20555 OPERATE NUMBER PR-170 PROPRIED RULE PR-170 (47 FR 52454)

Re: NRC PROPOSES DRASTIC INCREASES IN FEES FOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS (INCLUDING MEDICAL).

Dear Sir:

I strongly object to the proposed NRC fee increases for Nuclear Medicine licenses. They represent 300% to 600% increases which is very unfair.

The time consumed for approving amendments and even for inspections does not justify this high cost. The NRC is a federal agency which is already utilizing our tax money for running the Commission.

We can live with some increases in prices but not increases of 300% to 600%. This will adversely affect small laboratories and small hospitals. Perhaps there should be a "two-tier" system for fees with big companies or corporations paying higher fees than medical institutions and small private labs.

The increases do not speak well of our government which believes in cost containment and yet proposes these drastic increases in price.

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