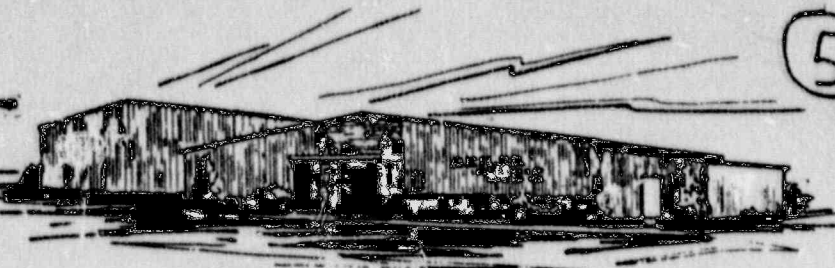


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Attention: Docketing Service Branch
Ref: Proposed Rule 10CFR170 on Licensing Fee

Dear Mr. Hiller,

As a small business concern, mainly involved with competitive bidding of fixed price Department of Defense contracts, your proposed increases would drastically affect our bids. The amount of your increases for a category 3B license are:

239% for establishing a license
413% for renewing the license
179% for routine inspection

These figures are alarming!

Secondly, consider that it will cost us an additional \$800.00 to renew a license under your proposal vs establishing a new license. This does seem odd, could this be a misprint?

If your increases are placed into effect, our competitive pricing to the Department of Defense would have to be adjusted to absorb this cost. Unfortunately, until all contractors of the Defense Department had to renew their licenses, a period that could be in effect for five years, the competitiveness of individual bids would be adversely effective.

We believe that all of this should at least be brought to your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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