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December 6, 1993

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
ATTN: Douglas Weiss, Chief  
Materials License Fee Section  
License Fee and Debt Collection Branch  
Division of Accounting and Finance  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

*cc Hamilton*

Dear Mr. Weiss:

In response to your letter dated November 23, 1993 concerning invoice AM05049-93 for license # 21-10984-02. First as a matter of information, this facility was recently placed in the Interior's new National Biological Survey (NBS). Also I am requesting that the above invoice be canceled for the reasons outline below.

This facility reached a decision to cancel the radiation license well before F 93 as shown by the attached letter to NRC and internal memorandum. In fact, I suggested we cancel our license in 1992 after receiving the first bill from NRC because we had not conducted any radioactive studies in over ten years but was informed of a visiting scientist working at this facility from September 1992 - September 1993 and proposed to conduct a small study using C<sup>14</sup>. This study was the one mentioned in the May 15, 1992 letter to NRC but was canceled and in early August 1992. Procedures to close down our license began in late August of 1992 and were completed December of 1992. Based on the information supplied NRC did not inspect this facility prior to canceling the license. I believe they did not inspect this facility because they were aware that the only radioactivity was the surveys required with our GC detectors which were sealed during 1992. Finally, because a decision was reached to cancel the license during the Summer of 1992, no money was planned in the 1993 budget for the license fee.

Based on the enclosed information, I am requesting that you reconsider the radiation license charges for 1993.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Hesselberg  
Radiation Officer

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