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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of the Controller License Fee & Debt Collection Branch Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Madam/Sir:

On behalf of the University of Alaska Anchorage, I am filing an intent to appeal NRC's invoice AM00585-93 (attached).

NRC's assessment (\$5720) exceeds our institution's total expenditure for radionuclides. Considering that only a few of our researchers are using relatively small quantities of regulated materials, your fee appears to be excessive. Without an exemption, we may be forced to relinquish our license. Subsequent loss of externally funded research would have a cascading and detrimental effect upon our entire system.

In addition, I realize that NRC may require full payment from us during this appeal process (subject to refund upon award). Unfortunately, our procurement and accounting regulations require more detail that what you have provided on the attached invoice. Please be so kind as to provide an explanation for the category 3M amount of \$4500 and the surcharge of \$1220. After receiving this information, I shall initiate appropriate action.

Please provide us with a favorable determination. If you require additional information, please advise me.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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G. L. Trigiano, Director, H. S. & P.

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