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Wheaton College
Biology Department
ATTN: Ms. Betsey Dexter Dyer, Chair
Norton, Massachusetts 02766

Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter dated September 2, 1993, concerning annual fee Invoice AM00151-93 for License 20-12850-02.

On March 17, 1994, the Commission published in the Federal Register a Notice of its decision to reinstate the annual fee exemption for nonprofit educational institutions.

Enclosed is a copy of a March 23, 1994, Notice to all licensees and the March 17, 1994, Federal Register Notice attached thereto which were recently sent to all Commission licensees.

Please review the Notice and contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

(signed) Diane B. Dandois
Diane B. Dandois, Chief
License Fee & Debt Collection Branch
Division of Accounting & Finance
Office of the Controller

Enclosure:
As stated

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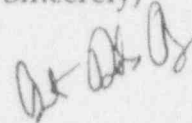
Congressman Barney Frank
Newton Office
29 Crafts Street
Newton, MA 02138

Dear Mr. Frank,

Attached is our letter to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requesting exemption from a fee of \$5,720 for our very limited use of radioisotopes. We feel that given our tiny research budget, about \$10,000 per year and the small proportion of that devoted to isotopes (about \$300 per year averaged out over 10 years), that fee is unreasonable. Non profit institutions like Wheaton have always been exempted from such fees. The sudden request for such a fee will effectively terminate any work that we do with radioisotopes. Ultimately our work study and independent research students will lose out on an opportunity to learn how to handle isotopes safely for research.

It may help Cheryl Phillips at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to make her decision to exempt us from the fee, if you or someone from your office would contact her and support our request. We would appreciate any help you can give us.

Sincerely,



Betsy Dexter Dyer, Chair
Biology Department

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cc: Cheryl Phillips, NRC
Steve Taksar, Business Manager, Wheaton College