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Mr. James Taylor
Executive Director for Operations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am writing in regard to the implementation of an annual fee for non-profit educational institution licenses. Our school is a small four year women's college with less than 100 full time faculty and approximately 800 full time students. The biology department currently has a Gammator-50 in use and I have an application under review for use of small quantities of 51-Cr. I recently received an invoice for \$3,620.00 to cover the newly established annual license fee for nonprofit educational institutions. The inclosed Form NRC 526 indicates that since our college is a small private institution we qualify for a reduction in cost to \$1,800.00. I am writing to request that I be exempt from this fee also. My department's budget is sufficient small that the burden of \$1800.00 annually will make it impossible to keep my gammator license and cause the withdrawal of my application for 51-Cr. I am sure you are well aware that there is concern about the number of students, especially women and minorities, interested in careers in science and research. I think it will be a shame if small schools like ours, who are trying to do research projects on a small scale in the hopes of generating enthusiasm for the sciences, are going to have to shut down our research programs because of annual fees which exceed amounts we can possibly pay. Please consider my request for an exemption from the annual use fee. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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