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James M. Taylor
Executive Director for Operations
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We received from the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission an FY 93 Annual Materials Fee Invoice dated August 21, 1993 for \$2,120.00. We understand that this is a newly instituted annual fee that applies to our two electron capture gas chromatograph detectors containing the radioisotope nickel-63.

We would like to file an exemption request as indicated in your memo of August 6, 1993. Messiah College is a non-profit educational institution. Our license covers only these two sealed units containing less than 15 microcuries of nickel-63 each. One of these devices is out of service and never used. The other is not used in any instructional laboratory and only occasionally in research. Based on past experience and projected plans, this device will not be used by more than one or two students and then only for less than 10 hours per year.

The small amount of usage that these sealed, nickel foil, low-level devices get does not come anywhere near justifying a \$2,120.00 fee and we will be forced to dispose of them if no exemption is granted.

When you have identified the pertinent considerations that should be addressed in exemption requests as mentioned in your memo, please send me a copy or let me know when it is published in the Federal Register so we can file an official exemption request.

Respectfully,

Benjamin W. Myers

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Radiation Protection Officer

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