University in 1974, the use of byproduct material on campus has been very minimal. In the past 19 years at any given time, only one or two research investigators have used byproduct material. During the last 6 years only four shipments of byproduct material have been received at Lincoln University. The total activity received in these shipments was 500 μ Ci of Hydrogen-3 and 30 μ Ci of Iodine-125. At the present time, the total inventory of isotopes on campus is as follows:

- a. Hydrogen-3 (1.7 mCi),
- b. Americium-241:Beryllium (10 mCi), a sealed source in a moisture density gauge that is in storage and has not been used for several years,
- c. Cesium-137 (90 μ Ci) in a dosimeter calibration source.
- 2) We believe that the annual fee category classification of 3M given to Lincoln University is likely the same classification given to other educational institutions that conduct research using byproduct materials on a much larger scale. Based on the data presented in paragraph 1 above, we feel that the annual fee of \$5,720 is a significantly disproportionate allocation of costs to Lincoln University compared with other institutions that are also classified as 3M.
- 3) According to the schedule of materials fees, licensees with the classification of 3M are assessed \$2,200 annually for inspections. Lincoln University has been inspected only 2 times in the last 19 years and the inspector was on campus for only 3 to 5 hours for each inspection. This is another indication of the minimal level of byproduct use on our campus. Clearly, \$2,200 per year does not accurately reflect the costs of these inspections. Again this appears to be a significantly disproportionate allocation of costs to Lincoln University.

We would appreciate any consideration of a full or partial exemption from the annual fee that you can give to Lincoln University. Based on the NRC notice dated August 6, 1993, it is our understanding that no interest or penalties will accrue with regard to our 1993 annual fee until 30 days after the Commission acts on our exemption request. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wendell G. Rayburn, President Lincoln University

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Gentlemen:

This is in response to your letter dated August 23, 1993, concerning annual fee Invoice AMOUS45-93 for License 24-16097-01.

On March 17, 1994, the Commission published in the $\underline{\text{Federal}}$ $\underline{\text{Register}}$ 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, <u>Federal Register</u> Notice attached thereto which were recently sent to all Commission licensees.

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

Sincerely,

Taigned) Diane B. Dandois
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License Fee & Debt Collection Branch
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