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Secretary
Attn: Docketing and Service Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Subject: Comments Supporting Exemption of State-Owned Research Reactors from
Annual Fees (10CFR171.11)

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you as chair of the Physics Department at the University of
Rhode Island to express our support of the proposed exemption from annual fees
for state-owned research reactors as proposed in the Federal Register dated
May 10, 1994. One of the reasons for the exemption is benefit to educational
institutions.

The Physics Department at the University of Rhode Island has been one of the
recipients of such benefits and through it, the undergraduate and the graduate
students. Also, over the years thousands of high school physics students from
Rhode Island and its vicinity have participated in the educational tour of the
Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center (which houses the research reactor).

The research done at the reactor by the department has been substantially
unfunded and has resulted in a number of master's, Ph.D. and senior theses.
It has and continues to be of great benefit to all students in all curriculae.

We believe that such an exemption is very much in the spirit of supporting
future generations in their quest for modern education and enriching society.

Sincerely,

S.S. Malik
Professor and Chair

c: Senator Claiborne D. Pell
Senator John H. Chafee
Representative Jack Reed
Representative Ronald K. Machtley

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