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Secretary of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Att: Docketing and Service Branch  
Washington, D.C. 20555

RE: Proposed revisions to 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171 on license,  
inspection and annual fees for FY 1994

Dear Secretary:

I am the radiology administrator of a 100 bed rural hospital in northern Wisconsin. Our nuclear medicine department is a small diagnostic service that is needed to provide care to this region. The operating expenses of this service are high and it is difficult to break even. The added expense of fees for the medical physicist, JCAHO, and the annual license are becoming more than we can handle.

The shift in standards of care with health care reform leave us in an even greater dilemma for the economic future of our services. Should I close our new SPECT department and contract with a mobile imaging company? Highly skilled technologists would be forced to leave the area and seek employment in larger communities. Competition is fierce and our patient referral base would slowly erode.

Health care is expensive for many reasons. Medical supplies and technological advancements are costly. Professional fees continue to escalate. For a long time, I felt privileged to operate a full service imaging department. But privilege has its price. It's getting too high. Help us control the inflation. Please reduce and freeze the annual license fee for a five year period.

Respectfully,

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