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The Honorable Dick Cheney
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cheney:

This is in response to your letter of January 12, 1983 which expressed concern about the Commission's license fee program. Enclosed with your letter is correspondence you had received from Mr. Glenn J. Catchpole of Ogle Petroleum, Inc.

My preliminary review of this issue indicates that a considerable part of what Mr. Catchpole points out is correct--that is, there was inefficiency in NRC's processing of this case. I understand his suggestions and will look into them.

In regard to the licensing fee of \$66,500 charged Ogle Petroleum, however, it is not likely that we can reduce it. Even reduction in the specific inefficiencies that Mr. Catchpole mentions is not likely to reduce the overall cost to NRC of \$263,000 below the maximum fee cap of \$66,500.

On the generic issue of our proposed fee schedules regulation, we have received a number of comments about the need to impose a "cap" on fees. We are in the process of reviewing those comments in order to put this rule in final form. You may be assured that we will consider your views very carefully as we develop the final rule.

I appreciate your bringing this issue to our attention. Our review of the points involved should make it possible for us to serve the public health and safety more efficiently.

Sincerely,

(Signed) William J. Dircks

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