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Secretary of the Commission
U.S.N.R.C.
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice on 10 CFR 170.
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Dear Sir,

The proposed revision of the license fees for the users of the by-product materials is extraordinary in terms of increase, 300-600% in some cases and for the rationale of the increase, i.e. to reflect the cost of doing the licensing and inspection. I am not aware what the benefits of the inspections in medical institutions have been, except that we do more and more paper work as a result of the increasing regulatory burden. The paper works that were needed in a community hospital was minimal some 10 years ago; no more then a few weeks work of a physicist. Now it requires one full time person to do the job that have been imposed on us by the State and N.R.C. I do not know if any improvement in terms of safety has taken place specifically as a result of increasing N.R.C. or State intervention. As a practicing hospital physicist over more than 12 years of experience, I could only say that the impact of N.R.C. and such regulatory agencies have been mostly irrelevant in the hospitals.

For these reasons, I would urge the commission to reject the proposal for fee increase and scale down their "paper works" for the sake of economy.

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