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Secretary
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attention Docking and Service Branch

Dear Sir or Madam:

We have received a copy of the proposed revisions to 10 CFR 170 & 171 on license inspections and annual fees. After careful review of this proposal, we offer the following concerns:

- Renewal fees would increase from \$580 to \$1000, a 72.4 percent increase.
- Addendum fees would increase from \$120 to \$430, a 358 percent increase.
- Inspection fees would increase from \$480 to \$1000, a 208 percent increase.

It becomes obvious from the aforementioned increases that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission does not have the remotest concept of existing and impending constraints health care institutions currently are facing. When hospitals are doing everything within the limitations of service to remain fiscally conservative and cost-efficient, and legislative representatives are looking for opportunities to provide health care coverage for all Americans, it is incomprehensible how your organization can seek to raise prices without looking internally to lower costs, or perhaps become more efficient. As with the history of all government agencies, inefficiencies should not be hard to locate. I cannot speak for all hospitals; however, I can tell you our facility is not prepared to incur increases as those proposed, nor will we.

Please be advised that your agency and the services you provide exist, in part, because hospitals exist.

Sincerely,

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