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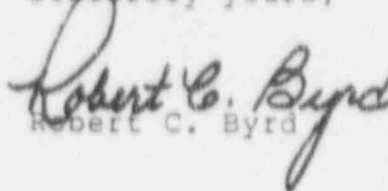
Dear Mr. Rathbun:

I have received the enclosed correspondence from Mr. Dick Landfried, Ronceverte, West Virginia, in which he expresses his concerns about the proposed revisions to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on license fees. Specifically, he mentions his alarm about the effects that this substantial fee increase would have upon the financial well-being of his company.

Please see that Mr. Landfried's concerns are given appropriate consideration and provide me with detailed information about this matter.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Robert C. Byrd

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re: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION RULES 10 CFR 170 ON LICENSE FEES

Dear Senator Byrd:

I represent a small manufacturer of nuclear monitoring instrumentation located in Ronceverte. Our company was purchased by West Virginians in 1989 and moved from New Jersey to the Ronceverte area. We develop and employ approximately 15 West Virginians to manufacture all of the nuclear monitoring instrumentation that our company sells world wide.

Our company currently holds 2 NRC licenses that permit us to possess a small sealed radioactive source used to develop new instrumentation and very small exempt quantity sources utilized to test a portable instrument that monitors the X rays for television receivers and CRT terminals.

The radioactive sources are absolutely necessary to test the instrumentation we manufacturer and to develop new products. Without the NRC license our ability to compete would be greatly impaired.

I have received a proposed revision to the license fee the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will charge our company annually for the licenses that are required to possess these radioactive source. The proposed changes will increase our license fees to approximately \$8,200.00 annually. These fees were less than \$1,000.00 before and were not required to be payed except at license renewal time which was every 2 - 3 years.

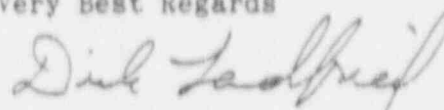
Increasing the license fees to such a high level will place an extreme burden on our company and force us to consider curtailing part of our business. I feel the fees are very excessive due to the small supervision the NRC must devote to companies such as Wm B. Johnson & Associates.

We are prepared to pay a reasonable fee however the proposed increases are extreme and likely to result in the loss of competitiveness for all companies in our situation.

The new license fees are scheduled to take effect in late May or early June of this year. I will appreciate your efforts to see that a more reasonable fee schedule is approved for small business that will encourage and not discourage new job formation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at our offices in Ronceverte if you have any questions or I can be of assistance.

Very Best Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dick Landfried". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Dick Landfried
Vice President
Wm B. Johnson & Assoc. Inc.