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Pls ticket to Tony's area.

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Have a great day 😊. Engage me in diversity and inclusion dialogue. #gladtobehere



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Cherish K. Johnson
Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Dear Cherish Johnson – I am writing in regards to NRC Radioactive Materials License No. 49-35293-01, Docket 03038905, LFB 20-3320.

D.R. Griffin & Associates, Inc. (DRG) was issued this license April 1, 2016 with intentions of purchasing a Nuclear Density Gauge (NGD) to expand our business. DRG did purchase one NGD and invested in all of the other related equipment and training to make this business venture a success. Unfortunately, this attempt to expand our business has not been fruitful.

The expenses to maintain the gauge, training of personnel and especially the annual NRC licensing fee have been far out weighing the hit and miss job opportunities to

make use of the NGD and become a financially competitive business in the market available. With this and then burdened by the COVID-19 pandemic, DRG felt overwhelmingly compelled to let go of this attempt to expand our business. DRG approached Qal-Tek Associates and sold our one NDG for \$2000, which in comparison to the investment to purchase the gauge, maintain the gauge, train personnel and pay the annual NRC license fee, it was small token amount.

DRG is a very small company, who has a current total of 11 employees. We are a struggling business, trying to hold on. DRG's business has been primarily focused on providing surveying and engineering services to cliental within the oil and gas industry. These clients have not been doing well, Wyoming's big news headline on Aug 8, 2020 was "Wyoming's Drilling Rig Count Hits Zero: What That Means For The State And Its Economy".

DRG is hoping there might be a possibility of NRC offering relief of this annual fee due to the circumstances described above and those in which this country is painfully aware of during this pandemic.

If you have any questions, need further information for your consideration, please let me know.

Kindest Regards,
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