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To the NRC Rulemakings and Adjudication Staff:

I have received the NRC notice dated March 20, 2001 regarding the NRC's proposed FY 2001 FEE RULE. As the Radiation Safety Officer of a small liberal arts College, I wanted to inform you of the impact such a proposed fee rule would have on my institution. The annual fee of \$2,300 would represent a major financial burden to our College. With about 120 faculty and 1600 students, we do not have the resources to pay this amount year after year. We would have to seriously consider terminating our license and ceasing to use radioactive materials for teaching in our science courses and our small research endeavors. This would be very detrimental to the educational quality that we offer to our students. I hope that you will consider the situation of the many small Colleges and Universities around the nation and make such educational institutions exempt from an annual fee.

Sincerely,

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Radiation Safety Officer and Assistant Professor of Biology

Cc: Richard A. Hanson, V. P. for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the College

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