

July 7, 2006

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Dear Mr. Day:

I am responding to your letter dated June 2, 2006, requesting an exemption from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 annual fee requirements of 10 CFR Part 171 for the U.S. Geological Survey's non-power reactor in Denver, CO, License R-113, Docket 50-274. The basis for the exemption is unchanged from those provided in previous years and the U.S. Geological Survey continues to meet the exemption criteria specified in 10 CFR 171.11(a)(2).

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) final fee rule which becomes effective July 31, 2006 grants an exemption from the FY 2006 annual fee for the U.S. Geological Survey's non-power reactor in Denver, CO. For subsequent years, you must continue to certify that you meet the exemption criteria specified in 10 CFR 171.11(a)(2).

Effective July 31, 2006, NRC will be charging 10 CFR Part 170 fees to Federal Agencies. However, Federally-owned test and research reactors that meet the 10 CFR 170.11 fee exemption criteria will continue to be fee exempt. Therefore, the U.S. Geological Survey's non-power reactor in Denver, CO will not be charged Part 170 fees.

If you have any fee waiver related questions, please contact Ms. Renu Suri of my staff at 301-415-0161.

Sincerely,

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Effective July 31, 2006, NRC will be charging 10 CFR Part 170 fees to Federal Agencies. However, Federally-owned test and research reactors that meet the 10 CFR 170.11 fee exemption criteria will continue to be fee exempt. Therefore, the U.S. Geological Survey's non-power reactor in Denver, CO will not be charged Part 170 fees.

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