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May 5, 2016

Mr. John Viliesis  
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Dear Mr. Viliesis:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am responding to your letter dated March 9, 2015, requesting an adjustment of your annual fees from the full cost fee to the small entity fee based on 10 CFR 171.11(b). We regret the delay, but we needed time to research the issue.

The Small Business Act, 15 U.S.C § 632, allows federal agencies to request approval of its size standards from the Small Business Administration (SBA). The NRC's current small business size standards were approved by the SBA, which uses the North American Industry Classification System as a basis for its size standards. The criteria for NRC's small business size standards can be found under 10 CFR 2.810. Your letter argues that NRC should grant CSMI a fee exemption because NRC's size standards are not identical to SBA's size standards. However, the NRC cannot grant you a fee exemption on this basis because NRC size standards were approved by the SBA, and remain valid. Therefore, all licensees, including CSMI, who wish to qualify for small entity status must submit Form 526, Certification for Small Entity Status for the Purposes of Annual Fees Imposed under 10 CFR 171, for NRC approval. This form is enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you for your inquiry. If you have any questions, please contact Michele Kaplan of my staff at (301) 415-5256.

Sincerely,

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