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Secretary
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555
Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

November 11, 1992

Dear sirs,

This letter is a comment on your Docket No. PRM-170-3 containing a petition from the American College of Nuclear Physicians and the Society of Nuclear Medicine. My concern with this petition is that whatever degree of success they may have in gaining relief in their licensing fees will adversely affect me as a Category 3P licensee.

I applaud all government efforts at reconciling budgetary deficits. Where the costs of providing a service cannot be recovered from those receiving the service, outright termination of that service should be mandated. Recovery of costs should be done in a fair, equitable fashion. Exempting large groups of service recipients because of their "unique contributions to society" dilutes your efforts at fairness.

I am not overjoyed at the 1000+% fee increases we have suffered over the years either. However percentages can be deceptive, and in this case I believe we have all been the beneficiaries of undervalued NRC services until just recently. I believe I am paying enough now, thank you!

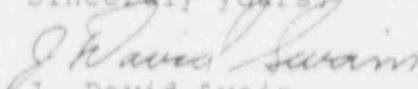
As to the burden this new fee structure imposes on the petitioners' business, I am simply at a loss for words to describe my outrage. Anyone who has had to pay for an X-ray lately knows what I am feeling.

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Finally, our little gage has been in operation now for over twenty years. We have paid our fees, followed the applicable rules and have never harmed a soul with this device. Actual NRC oversight and supervision of our operation has been minimal. We harmlessly irradiate wood chips and not people. It would be an absolute travesty of justice if these petitioners were granted relief leaving people like myself out in the wilderness to pick up the slack!

Sincerely yours,



J. David Swain
Executive Vice President

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