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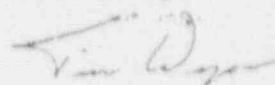
Secretary, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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This letter is in response to a request for comment on 10 CFR parts 170 and 171 (Docket #PRM-170-3).

It is our belief that the fairest method of the NRC regulations governing the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to its licensees would be a fee schedule based on Nuclear Medicine Departmental revenues. Currently, a Nuclear Medicine Department that generates millions of dollars per year in revenues gets charged fees at that same rate as a Nuclear Medicine Department that only generates \$300,000 a year. It would only make sense that the revenues generated by the department in question should be directly proportional to the fees charged against that department by the NRC. The larger Nuclear Medicine Department can more easily spread the expense of the annual fee over a larger number of patients thereby lessening the impact in minimal increases to their patients. The smaller Nuclear Medicine Department which is levied the same amount of money, would have to increase the cost of the exam to their patient by a much more significant amount. It is a true hardship on departments the size of our Nuclear Medicine Department when we are charged \$4,600 per year as an annual renewal fee.

Sincerely,



Tim Weyers,
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