



Fiberboard Division

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Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

COMMENTS OF BASSETT FIBERBOARD CO.
TO REQUEST FOR COMMENT TO
PETITION TO RULEMAKING OF
AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NUCLEAR PHYSICAL AND
SOCIETY OF NUCLEAR MEDICINE
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter represents the comments of Bassett Fiberboard Co., a division of Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc., in the above - referenced docket.

Bassett Fiberboard's chief concern is that, as stated in the Request for Comment, 'a reduction in the fees assessed from one class of licensee would require a corresponding increase in the fees assessed for another class.' Therefore, the petition before the Commission, however construed, is simply an attempt to shift the burden of fees to other parties. We find this unacceptable. We find it unconvincing that Petitioner asserts that not simply a reduction in fees is justified, but an exemption on the basis of the unique societal benefits provided by its members and hardships imposed on individual practitioners. The societal benefits of every class of licensee can be characterized as unique - everything is relative and certainly depends on one's perspective. Bassett Fiberboard recycles wood waste into materials used for making fine furniture -we find this benefit unique.

We are equally unpersuaded of the severity of hardship imposed on physicians.

Accordingly, Bassett Fiberboard asks that the petition, specifically that part of the petition requesting exemption, be denied.

Sincerely,
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