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Secretary Samuel J. Chilk
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Attn: Docketing and Service Branch,
Docket No. PRM-170-3

Re: Amending regulations governing the annual fees
charged to licenses

Dear Secretary Chilk:

Eagle Lake Community Hospital asks that the NRC please exempt hospitals as it does education institutions from paying annual fees imposed on users of nuclear materials.

Only about four diagnostic nuclear scans are performed a month at our hospital. The tests are performed by a mobile service. However, the scans that are performed are an integral aspect of the care of the patients who require them. Over sixty percent of our patients are Medicare, Medicaid, or unable to pay, which means we have a very restricted means to cope with an increase in annual NRC license fees.

I would hope that you remember that in a government truly for the people, that regulations should not be so burdensome as to prevent any group or class of people from improving or maintaining their access to quality health care.

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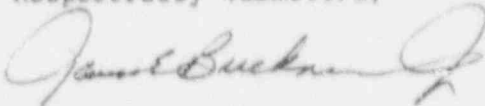
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Thank you for your consideration of these comments and may your decisions be made with wisdom.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James E. Buckner, Jr.", with a large, stylized initial "J" and a flourish at the end.

James E. Buckner, Jr.
Administrator

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cc: Congressman Greg Laughlin
Senator Phil Gramm
Senator Lloyd Bentsen