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Mr. Dennis K. Rathbun
Director
Office of Congressional Affairs
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

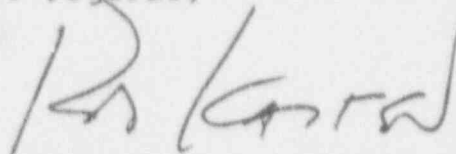
Dear Mr. Rathbun:

Please find enclosed correspondence I received from Mr. William A. Torrance. Because of my desire to be responsive to the constituents in my state, I am referring this matter to you for your review.

I would like to request your assistance in evaluating the information provided. I would greatly appreciate your forwarding your findings in duplicate form to Jane Morris, on my staff, at your earliest convenience.

Again, many thanks for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards,



Robert W. Kasten, Jr.

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Enclosure

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The Honorable Robert Kasten
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Subject: NRC Licensing Fees

Dear Senator Kasten:

On 11-5-90 Congress passed public law 101-508 mandating that the NRC recover approximately 100% of it's budget authority, less the appropriation from the Nuclear Waste Fund.

In the fall of 1990, our company applied for and received a license from the NRC to install a small nuclear gauge used to weigh the mass of sand being transported on a 24" wide belt conveyor. The cost of this gauge was \$5,070.00.

At the time of licensing, we were required to pay a \$400.00 license fee to the NRC. Beyond that fee, we were unaware of any fees for this gauge.

Then on 7-3-91, we received an inspection by the NRC taking less than 1 hour which cost us \$920.00.

Shortly there after, on 8-2-91, due to the public law referred to above, we were required to pay \$1,400.00 as our first annual fee for this gauge. This fee is a reduced fee and represents the minimum fee possible, which is that being charged to small entities (annual sales of under \$3,500,000.00).

We currently have been invoiced by the NRC in the amount of \$1,800.00 for this year's annual fee.

This increase is over 28%, which in itself is ridiculous.

We have been informed by the NRC that since the institution of the annual fee schedule, approximately 2,000 of the 9,000 materials licensees have requested that their licenses be terminated or combined. They further go on to say that this is part of the reason why the remaining licensees are having to pay higher fees.

It only makes sense that if they have a reduction in licensees of over 22%, that there should be a corresponding reduction in the manpower at the NRC in order to affect a stable pricing (fee schedule).

The main reason for writing this letter is to inform you of this program, yet another program implemented by Congress that punishes small companies doing business in the United States.

At the rate this fee structure is going, in one more year our payments to the NRC will have exceeded the total cost for this small gauge.

The fee schedule is ABSOLUTELY ridiculous.

I would appreciate your efforts to look into this schedule and provide assistance to small businesses such as ours across the country.

I have sent this letter to Senator Herbert Kohl and Congressman Steve Gunderson to request their help also.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wm. A. Torrance". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "W".

Wm. A. Torrance,
Vice President

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