



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

November 15, 1996

North Star Steel Ohio
ATTN: Mr. Jeff Bindas
Regional Environmental Manager
2669 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Youngstown, OH 44510

Dear Mr. Bindas:

I am responding to your July 29, 1996, letter returning Invoice No. AM4581-96 issued to North Star Steel Ohio for License 34-20328-01. You also enclosed a copy of your letter and Certificate of Disposition of Materials dated January 6, 1996, requesting termination of License 34-20328-01.

You questioned the need to pay Invoice No. AM4581-96 because North Star Steel Ohio no longer utilizes the sources and the sources were transferred to Ronan Engineering and received by them on October 5, 1995.

Footnote 1 of 10 CFR 171.16 provides that the annual fee is waived where a license is terminated prior to October 1 of each fiscal year. The NRC has exempted from the 1996 annual fee those licensees, and holders of certificates, registrations, and approvals who either filed for termination of their licenses or approvals or filed for possession only/storage only licenses prior to October 1, 1995, and were capable of permanently ceasing licensed activities by September 30, 1995. An amendment request filed after October 1 of each fiscal year to cancel a license does not cancel the annual fee invoice. Your January 6, 1996, termination request was filed too late to avoid the FY 1996 annual fee.

As provided in 10 CFR 171.17, licenses for which termination requests are filed during the period October 1 through March 31 of the fiscal year are assessed one-half of the annual fee. As stated on the invoice, the amount billed reflects the 50 percent proration. Therefore, Invoice No. AM4581-96 is due and payable. The enclosed Invoice Statement shows the amount currently due, which includes late charges that have accrued.

Enclosed is NRC Form 526, Certification of Small Entity Status, for your possible use. If you determine North Star Steel Ohio qualifies under the lower tier small entity status and so certify by completing and returning the Form, the fee would be reduced to \$200 (50 percent of the \$400 lower tier reduced fee). Payment of the appropriate fees, with the completed NRC Form 526 if applicable, should be mailed to the address shown on the invoice. Late charges will be waived if payment is received within 30 days from the date of this letter. If payment is not received in 30 days, all late charges will be assessed.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Shirley Crutchfield at (301) 415-6097.

Sincerely,

Signed by
J. Marnella Rodriguez

for Glenda C. Jackson, Chief
License Fee Section
License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch
Division of Accounting and Finance
Office of the Controller

Enclosure: Invoice Statement
Invoice No. AM4581-96
NRC Form 526

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