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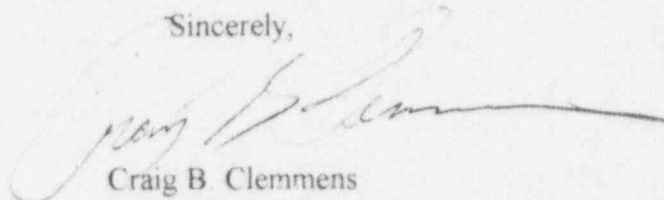
Attn: Docketing and Services Branch

re: PROPOSED REVISION TO 10 CFR 170 AND 171 ON-LICENSE, INSPECTION  
AND ANNUAL FEES FOR FY 1997

Gentlemen:

Your published intention under Section 171.16 (c) to continue small entity and lower tier small entity is necessary and proper to aid in the survival of small firm licensees, such as APPALACHIAN GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS. Our industry has already suffered significant market loss due to the collapse of energy price in the 1980's and we face additional potential market loss due to "Year 2000 Clean Air Act" sulphur limits in coal burning power plants. It has been and will continue to be a constant effort to keep operating cost down while seeking new markets for borehole geophysics. Retaining fees at a level commiserate with our market volume is a significant portion of this effort.

Sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Ronald Klink  
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