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Mr. Courtemanche,

Following consultation with Mr. Bolon, Atkins Nuclear desires to maintain the license in a “standby – no operations” status as we discussed on the phone earlier today.

We look forward to receiving the amended license today or tomorrow and await further information on the license fees while in the standby status.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Bolon:

I have received word from our Regional Counsel and NRC Headquarters about your exemption request. Historically, there have been three methods to grant exemptions for requests from licensees for relief from regulations such as 10 CFR 30.36(d):

1. Change the use clause so that 10 CFR 30.36 is not triggered. This method was devised because the license was only to be activated under emergency situations such as a “dirty bomb” incident.
2. Issue a global exemption from 10 CFR 30.36. This method is not practical in your case as it gives an open-ended exemption for the life of the license.
3. Change the license to a Standby – No Operations status under program codes 11810

and 23310. This method requires that the expiration date be changed to two years from the date of issuance so that the issue can be revisited in the time frame for termination found in 10 CFR 30.36(h). If the licensee should determine that the license should be activated, an amendment requesting reactivation must be requested and issued by the licensing region before use can begin. I am determining whether fees will be assessed while the license is in Standby – No Operations status and, if no fees are assessed, whether back fees would be assessed for years while in Standby – No Operations status.

In our conversation, you indicated that you would need to speak with management before determining whether to go into Standby – No Operations status or to terminate the license. You asked what requirements would be needed under such a program. The Radiation Safety Officer would be required and though not required training programs should be maintained so the licensee does not have to do a lot bring everyone up to speed should you receive a request for your services requiring immediate attention.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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