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NRC Proposes to Amend Licensing, Inspection and Annual Fees for Fiscal Year 2023

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment regarding proposed changes to the licensing, inspection, special projects, and annual fees it will charge applicants and licensees for fiscal year 2023.

The [proposed fee rule](#), published today in the Federal Register, reflects a total budget authority of \$927.2 million, an increase of \$39.5 million from FY 2022.

Under the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act, the NRC is required to recover as much of its budget authority as possible, except funds for specific excluded activities.

After accounting for the exclusions from the fee-recovery requirement and net billing adjustments, the NRC must recover approximately \$791.4 million in fees in FY 2023. Of this amount, approximately \$195.4 million will be recovered through fees for service under 10 CFR Part 170 and \$596.0 million through annual fees under 10 CFR Part 171.

Compared to FY 2022, the proposed annual fees would decrease for the U.S. Department of Energy Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act Program, one fuel facilities fee category, and some materials users fee categories. The proposed annual fees would increase for operating power reactors, most fuel facilities, spent fuel storage/reactor decommissioning activities, non-power production or utilization facilities, DOE transportation activities, the non-DOE uranium recovery licensee, and most materials users fee categories. While the operating power reactors annual fee is proposed to increase in FY 2023, it does not exceed the cap established under NEIMA.

The proposed fee rule includes an additional change affecting licensees and applicants. The NRC proposes to increase the hourly rate for services from \$290 to \$300 for FY 2023, and license application fees would be adjusted accordingly.

The proposed rule includes detailed instructions on how to submit written comments. Comments will be accepted through April 3.