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NRC Amends Licensing, Inspection, and Annual Fees for Fiscal Year 2023

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is amending its regulations for the licensing, inspection, special projects, and annual fees it will charge applicants and licensees for fiscal year 2023.

The [FY 2023 final 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.

The Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act requires the NRC to recover, to the maximum extent practicable, approximately 100 percent of the agency's total budget authority for FY 2023, less the budget authority for excluded activities. A proposed fee rule was published for public comment on [March 3](#).

After accounting for fee-recovery exclusions and billing adjustments, the NRC must recover approximately \$790.6 million in fees in FY 2023. Of this amount, approximately \$195 million will be recovered through Part 170 fees for services, and approximately \$595.6 million will be recovered through Part 171 annual fees.

Compared with FY 2022, the annual fees are decreasing for regulatory activities associated with the U.S. Department of Energy's Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act Program. Annual fees are increasing for operating power reactors, most fuel facilities, spent fuel storage/reactor decommissioning licensees, non-power production or utilization facilities, the non-DOE uranium recovery licensee, and most materials users fee categories. While the operating power reactors annual fee is increasing in FY 2023, it does not exceed the annual fee cap established by NEIMA.

The final fee rule also includes a change in the hourly rate charged for services, affecting licensees and applicants. The NRC has increased its hourly rate from \$290 to \$300 for FY 2023 and has adjusted license application fees accordingly.

The NRC estimates that the FY 2023 annual fees will be paid by 93 licensees of operating commercial power reactors, three non-power production or utilization facilities, 123 spent nuclear fuel storage and decommissioning reactor facilities, eight fuel cycle facilities, one uranium recovery facility, and approximately 2,400 nuclear materials licensees.