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NRC Invoice Deferral Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
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1. Can you explain the details of the invoice deferral?

Fees that would have been billed during April 1-June 30, 2020, will be billed in July 2020. This includes annual fees (10 CFR Part 171) and fees for services rendered (10 CFR Part 170) such as inspections, licensing actions, reviews, etc.

The NRC is taking this action to temporarily mitigate the financial impacts and economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2. How can I find out how much my bill will be in July?

In order to obtain your anticipated invoice amount, email your request to FeeBillingInquiries.Resource@nrc.gov or if you are already registered for eBilling, you can submit a 'support request' directly in the eBilling system.

For more information about eBilling, go to:

<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/licensing/fees.html#ebilling>

3. Does this mean I'll receive two bills in July?

Licensees who pay their annual fee bills quarterly (annual fees \$100,000 and greater) will receive two bills in the fourth quarter, one in July and the final in August. Licensees who are invoiced for their entire annual fee during their license anniversary month (annual fees less than

\$100,000), and their anniversary date occurred during April through June 2020, will receive their bill in July.

Fees for services are billed quarterly. The April bills for work that occurred in January through March 2020 will be billed in July. Work that occurred in April through June will also be billed in July.

4. How will late payment and waiver of Interest, Penalties, and Administrative Charges (IPA) be handled?

OCFO will handle all late payments and waiver of Interest, Penalties, and Administrative Charges (IPA) on a case by case basis. However, for any bill that was issued during the month of March 2020, the IPA is being waived due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The collection activities for deferred bills are expected to resume as the bills are issued in July 2020. For Bills that are not deferred, IPA will continue to accumulate. Licensees (and other debtors) who received bills prior to March 2020 may request a waiver by contacting the NRC OCFO/Division of the Comptroller/License Fees Helpdesk, 301-415-7554 or Fees.Resource@nrc.gov

5. If I can't pay my bill, what are the consequences?

All agencies are required to report debt over 120 days old to the U.S. Department of Treasury for further collection action. For outstanding bills that are still unpaid within 90 days of the bill issuance date, licensees (and other debtors) should contact the NRC to make payment arrangements or request a waiver of their outstanding IPA to ensure further action is not taken to collect their payment. A waiver request will only be granted with sufficient justification of the reason for lack of payment.

6. Can I pay my late fees in installments?

Licensees may request an installment agreement by contacting the NRC OCFO/Division of the Comptroller NRC Collections Helpdesk at NRCCollections.Resource@nrc.gov

7. Can the NRC waive my fee all together?

Licensees may submit waiver (exemption) requests in accordance with existing NRC regulations at 10 CFR Part 170.11 and 10 CFR Part 171.11. These regulations specify the conditions under which the NRC may grant a waiver (exemption).

8. What will the agency do if the Public Health Emergency extends beyond June? Will you extend the fees deferral?

If the Public Health Emergency continues beyond June 2020, the NRC would reassess the situation at that time – but further deferrals are not anticipated at this time. The agency is required by statute to recover 90 percent of its budget authority through fees by the end of the fiscal year September 30, 2020.

9. I do not wish to have my bill deferred to July, how can I make payment sooner?

If a licensee prefers to make payment for an April bill that is being deferred to July, they should email the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) at FeeBillingInquiries.Resource@nrc.gov with their request, including the licensee company name and docket or license number(s). OCFO will provide the licensee with their estimated invoice amount and request information about their method of payment so it can be tracked and applied to their invoice once it is issued in July.

10. Do NRC licensees need to do anything to apply for the invoice deferral or is it automatic?

The deferral is automatic for fees that would have been billed during April 1-June 30, 2020. This includes annual fees (10 CFR Part 171) and fees for services rendered (10 CFR Part 170) such as inspections, licensing actions, reviews, etc.