

# PAYMENT METHODS



## For Information

The Office of the Chief Financial Officer will promptly respond to all requests for information. Please contact the office at:

**U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**OCFO/DAF/LFARB T-9E10**  
**11545 Rockville Pike**  
**ROCKVILLE, MD 20852-2738**  
**(301)-415-7347**

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(10) **THIRD-PARTY INFORMATION** - The Originator to Beneficiary Information field tag "OBI=" is used to signify the beginning of the free-form third-party text. All other identifying information to enable the NRC to identify the deposit, for example, NRC annual fee invoice number, description of fee - 10 CFR 171 annual fee, and licensee name, should be placed in this field.

The optimum format for fields 7, 8, 9, and 10 using an 8-digit ALC is as follows:

TREAS NYC/CTR/BNF=/AC-31000001 OBI=  
 The optimum format, shown above, will allow 219 character positions of information following the "OBI=" indicator.

If the licensee's bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System, the non-member bank must transfer the necessary information and funds to a member bank, which then must transfer the information and funds to the local Federal Reserve Bank.

For transfer of funds from local Federal Reserve Banks to be recorded on the same day, the transfer must be received at the New York Federal Reserve Bank by 4 p.m., EST. Otherwise, the deposit will be recorded on the next workday.

## 4. PAYMENT BY CHECK

Checks should be made payable to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission with the invoice number, EA number or other information written on the check that identifies what you are paying. Mail the check to:

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission**  
**License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch**  
**P.O. Box 954514**  
**St. Louis, MO 63195-4514**

## TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

You must file your Taxpayer Identification Number with the NRC. NRC Form 531 can be viewed and printed from our web site at <http://www.nrc.gov>. Select Planning and Financial Management, then select the License Fee Program or you can obtain a form by calling Leah Tremper at (301) 415-7347.

(1)	021030004	(2)	
(3)		(4)	
(6)	/	(7)	(8)
TREAS NYC/CTR /			
(9)	BNF=/AC-31000001 OBI=		
(10)			

A sample of an EFT message to Treasury and a narrative description of each field follow:

Field	Content
(1)	<b>RECEIVER-DFH#</b> - Treasury's ABA number for deposit messages is 021030004
(2)	<b>TYPE-SUBTYPE-CD</b> - The type and subtype code will be provided by the sending bank.
(3)	<b>SENDER-DFH#</b> - This number will be provided by the sending bank.
(4)	<b>SENDER-REF#</b> - The 16-character reference number is inserted by the sending bank at its discretion.
(5)	<b>AMOUNT</b> - The transfer amount must be punctuated with commas and decimal point; use of the "\$" is optional. This item will be provided by the depositor
(6)	<b>SENDER-DFI-NAME</b> - This information is automatically inserted by the Federal Reserve Bank.
(7)	<b>RECEIVER-DFI-NAME</b> - Treasury's name for deposit messages is "TREAS NYC." This name should be entered by the sending bank.
(8)	<b>PRODUCT CODE</b> - A product code of "CTR" for customer transfer should be the first data in the RECEIVER-TEXT field. Other values may be entered, if appropriate, using the ABA's options. A slash must be entered after the product code.
(9)	<b>AGENCY LOCATION CODE (ALC)</b> - THIS ITEM IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. IT MUST APPEAR ON THE FUNDS TRANSFER DEPOSIT MESSAGE IN THE PRECISE MANNER AS STATED TO ALLOW FOR THE AUTOMATED PROCESSING AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE FUNDS TRANSFER MESSAGE TO THE AGENCY LOCATION CODE OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY. The ALC identification sequence can, if necessary, begin on one line and end on the next line; however, the field tag "BNF=" must be on one line and cannot contain any spaces. NRC's 8-digit ALC is: BNF=/AC-31000001

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Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection request: 5 minutes. This collection solicits information that will allow the respondent to transfer funds electronically. Forward comments regarding burden estimate to the Records Management Branch (T-6 E6), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to the Paperwork Reduction Project (3150-0190), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

The following are payment methods accepted by the NRC for payment of a proposed or imposed civil penalty, a full cost licensing or inspection invoice, a new license application fee or a revision to a reciprocity application:



## 1. PAYMENT BY ACH

The ACH (Automated Clearinghouse) Network is a highly reliable and efficient nationwide batch-oriented electronic funds transfer system governed by ACH operating rules which provide for the interbank clearing of debit and credit transactions and for the exchange of information among participating financial institutions.

A growing number of transactions involving the collection of funds by Federal agencies are being made through the ACH Network. The Federal government is the largest single user of the ACH Network, originating and receiving millions of transactions each month. At NRC, collections via the ACH Network have been increasing each year since 1996. In FY 1999, the NRC increased its collections using ACH 2-fold over collections received in FY 1998.

ACH offers several advantages over checks:

- ☺ Preferred method of payment
- ☺ Provides automatic bill payment
- ☺ Eliminates postage fees
- ☺ Eliminates lost check
- ☺ Eliminates late payments and associated late charges
- ☺ Reduces check writing and reconciliation fees
- ☺ Least expensive of all electronic collection systems
- ☺ Both payment and refunds (debits and credits) can be processed through the ACH network

To respond to the growing needs of companies to electronically send payment information as well as payments between trading partners, the ACH system incorporated Corporate-to-Corporate payments. Because of the importance to move information quickly NRC can now accept electronic payment through our Corporate-to-Corporate payment program.

You may print a copy of NRC Form 628 FINANCIAL EDI AUTHORIZATION from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov>. Select Planning and Financial Management and then select the License Fee Program.

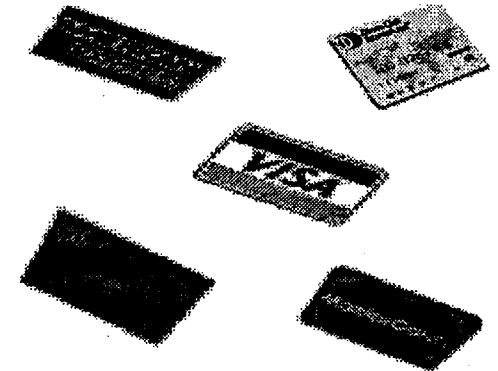
You may also obtain a copy of the form by calling Leah Tremper at 301-415-7347.

## 2. PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

The NRC is currently accepting credit cards for payment of annual fees, full cost licensing and inspection fees, new license fees, revisions to reciprocity applications, civil penalties and other fees. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Diners Club, American Express, Discover, and USA Cards. If you wish to pay by credit card, complete the authorization form included with your invoice or civil penalty. You may also print a copy of the form from the NRC web site. The URL is <http://www.nrc.gov>. Select Planning and Financial Management and then select the License Fee Program. The form is NRC Form 629, AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD.

Mail Credit Card Authorization to:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
License Fee and Accounts Receivable Branch  
P.O. Box 954514  
St. Louis, MO 63195-4514



or

Fax the Credit Card Authorization Form to Brenda Green or Leah Tremper at (301) 415-5387. You can e-mail Brenda Green at [bmg@nrc.gov](mailto:bmg@nrc.gov) or Leah Tremper at [lpt@nrc.gov](mailto:lpt@nrc.gov).

Be sure to reference your invoice number if you are paying a bill. If you are submitting an application fee for a new license or revision to a reciprocity application, just state this in the invoice field.

If you are paying a civil penalty, reference the EA number in the invoice field.

## 3. PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

The NRC can receive funds through the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Fedwire Deposit System. The basic wire message format below complies with the Federal Reserve Board's standard structured third-party format for all electronic funds transfer (EFT) messages.