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**ALL AGREEMENT STATES** MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN

PROGRAM INFORMATION: DRAFT RULE -- 100-PERCENT FEE RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001 (STP-01-031)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) would like to inform the Agreement States of a proposed rulemaking to 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171 regarding the licensing, inspection, and annual fees to recover approximately 460 percent of its fiscal year (FY) 2001 budget authority. The amendments are necessary in order to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA-90), which mandates that NRC recover approximately 190 percent of its budget authority, less the amount appropriated from the Department of Energy administered Nuclear Waste Fund. The final-rule will assess fees to those Agreement States licensees who perform work in Non-Agreement States under the reciprocity provisions of 10 CFR 150.20. The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on March 28, 2001 (66 FR 16982); and a copy was sent to each State under separate cover. The Federal Register (FR) notice requests

comments by April 27, 2001. The proposed rule with The proposed rule has modified the fee for reciprocity. The discussion of the change can be found on page 7 of the mailing and page 16984 in the FR. You may wish to inform your licensees of this change.

Please inform your licensees of the final fee rule and how they can access it. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the individual listed below.

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