



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

The Honorable George V. Voinovich, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private  
Property and Nuclear Safety  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, requires that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) recover approximately 98 percent of its FY 2001 budget authority, less the appropriation from the Nuclear Waste Fund, by assessing license and annual fees. The NRC is required to recover approximately \$453.3 million in FY 2001.

In order to comply with the law, the Commission is amending its fee regulations in 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171. The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 170 would revise the professional hourly rates and "flat" licensing fees to reflect the costs of providing NRC licensing services to applicants and licensees.

The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 171 would establish the amount of the FY 2001 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees to recover costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170 fees. The FY 2001 proposed annual fees would decrease for most of the categories of licensees, including operating power reactors. The annual fee decreases are primarily due to the reduction in the NRC's fee recovery requirement from 100 percent in FY 2000 to 98 percent in FY 2001, reduced budgeted costs for some classes of licensees, and increased costs recovered through 10 CFR Part 170 fees. However, the proposed annual fees would increase for some licensees due primarily to increased budgeted costs for those classes.

Those NRC licensees that can qualify as a small entity under NRC's size standards will continue to be eligible to pay reduced annual fees.

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed rule which is being transmitted to the *Federal Register* for publication. The final rule will become effective 60 days after publication.

Sincerely,

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure: Proposed Revision to  
10 CFR Parts 170 and 171

cc: Senator Joseph I. Lieberman



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The Honorable Joe Barton, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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In order to comply with the law, the Commission is amending its fee regulations in 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171. The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 170 would revise the professional hourly rates and "flat" licensing fees to reflect the costs of providing NRC licensing services to applicants and licensees.

The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 171 would establish the amount of the FY 2001 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees to recover costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170 fees. The FY 2001 proposed annual fees would decrease for most of the categories of licensees, including operating power reactors. The annual fee decreases are primarily due to the reduction in the NRC's fee recovery requirement from 100 percent in FY 2000 to 98 percent in FY 2001, reduced budgeted costs for some classes of licensees, and increased costs recovered through 10 CFR Part 170 fees. However, the proposed annual fees would increase for some licensees due primarily to increased budgeted costs for those classes.

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cc: Representative Rick Boucher



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The Honorable Pete V. Domenici, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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In order to comply with the law, the Commission is amending its fee regulations in 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171. The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 170 would revise the professional hourly rates and "flat" licensing fees to reflect the costs of providing NRC licensing services to applicants and licensees.

The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 171 would establish the amount of the FY 2001 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees to recover costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170 fees. The FY 2001 proposed annual fees would decrease for most of the categories of licensees, including operating power reactors. The annual fee decreases are primarily due to the reduction in the NRC's fee recovery requirement from 100 percent in FY 2000 to 98 percent in FY 2001, reduced budgeted costs for some classes of licensees, and increased costs recovered through 10 CFR Part 170 fees. However, the proposed annual fees would increase for some licensees due primarily to increased budgeted costs for those classes.

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cc: Senator Harry Reid

The Honorable Sonny Callahan, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
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The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 171 would establish the amount of the FY 2001 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees to recover costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170 fees. The FY 2001 proposed annual fees would decrease for most of the categories of licensees, including operating power reactors. The annual fee decreases are primarily due to the reduction in the NRC's fee recovery requirement from 100 percent in FY 2000 to 98 percent in FY 2001, reduced budgeted costs for some classes of licensees, and increased costs recovered through 10 CFR Part 170 fees. However, the proposed annual fees would increase for some licensees due primarily to increased budgeted costs for those classes.

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Jesse L. Funches  
Chief Financial Officer

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cc: Representative Peter J. Visclosky



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