

April 19, 2002

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend its regulations concerning the procedures used to collect debts that are owed to the NRC by Federal employees. The proposed amendment to 10 CFR Part 16 would conform NRC regulations to the legislative changes enacted in the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 and the amended procedures presented in the Federal Claims Collection Standards issued by the Department of the Treasury and the Department of Justice. The proposed action is intended to allow the NRC to improve its collection of debts due the United States.

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed rule which is being transmitted to the *Federal Register* for publication. The notice provides for a 75-day public comment period.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure: Proposed Rule - 10 CFR Part 16

cc: Representative Rick Boucher

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