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Comments from Washington State re: STP-04-008.

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Summary:

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to amend the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to its applicants and licensees. The proposed amendments are necessary to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA-90), as amended, which requires that the NRC recover approximately 92 percent of its budget authority in fiscal year (FY) 2004, less the amounts appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF). The amount to be recovered for FY 2004 is approximately \$545.6 million.

Comment:

It does not appear that these fee changes will affect The WA State Radioactive Materials Program or Licensees. The only change WA State Licensees will experience is a \$200 fee increase (from \$1400 to \$1600) for licensees seeking reciprocity from the NRC.

The proposed fee increases are warranted and appropriate.

The proposed rule issued in the Federal Register can be viewed at: http://ruleforum.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/downloader/FEE04_PRULE_lib/1413-0001.pdf