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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA

PROPOSED RULE -- FEE RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006 (STP-06-014)

This is to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a proposed rule to modify 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171 regarding the licensing, inspection, and annual fees to recover approximately 90 percent of its fiscal year (FY) 2006 budget authority. The amendments are necessary in order to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA-90), as amended, which mandates that NRC recover through fees approximately 90 percent of its FY 2006 budget authority, less the amount appropriated from the Department of Energy administered Nuclear Waste Fund and for Waste Incidental to Reprocessing. The proposed rule would modify the fees assessed 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 February 10, 2006 (71 FR 7350-7380). The *Federal Register* notice (FRN) requests comments by March 13, 2006.

The proposed rule was sent to each State under separate cover, with a memorandum summarizing the proposed changes. The proposed rule was also made available on the NRC web site: http://ruleforum.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/rulelist?type=prule. The reciprocity fee can be found at the end of the Schedule of Materials Fees on page 7372 of the February 10, 2006 FRN. The reciprocity fee is to be raised from $1800 for FY 2005 to $1900 for FY 2006.

Please inform your licensees of the proposed 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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