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DISCUSSION: The proposed rule is no longer being printed, but is available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: http://www.Regulations.gov; and search under Docket ID: NRC-2012-0211. The reciprocity fee can be found at the end of the Schedule of Materials Fees on page 14900 of the March 07, 2013, *Federal Register* notice. The reciprocity fee is \$1,800 for FY 2013, a decrease of \$500 from FY 2012. Please inform your licensees of the proposed fee rule and how they can access it.

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