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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, WYOMING, VERMONT

FINAL RULE-FEE RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 (STC-16-054)

Purpose: This letter is to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a final rule to modify Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Parts 170 and 171 regarding the licensing, inspection, and annual fees to recover approximately 90 percent of its fiscal year (FY) 2016 budget authority.

Background: The amendments are necessary in order to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, which mandates that the NRC recover through fees approximately 90 percent of its FY 2016 budget authority, less the amount appropriated for Waste Incidental to Reprocessing, generic homeland security activities, and Inspector General services for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, as well as any amounts appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund. The final rule does not change the 10 CFR Part 170 fees currently assessed to those Agreement State licensees who perform work in non-Agreement States under the reciprocity provision of 10 CFR 150.20. For FY 2016, the reciprocity fee remains unchanged from \$1,900 in FY 2015. The final rule was published in the *Federal Register* (FR) on June 24, 2016 (81 FR 41171), and the effective date of the rule is August 23, 2016. The reciprocity fee can be found as Category 16 in the 10 CFR 170.31, Schedule of Materials Fees, on page 41191 of the June 24, 2016, FR notice. Please inform your licensees of the final fee rule and how they can access it.

Discussion: A notice of the proposed rule was sent to each State by STC Letter 16-029, dated March 29, 2016. In addition to publication in the FR, the final rule is available on the internet at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. To search for fee rule documents, use Docket ID: NRC-2015-0223. To request a copy, contact NRC's fee staff at (301) 415-7554, by e-mail at FEES.resource@nrc.gov, or by writing to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001.

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