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MEMORANDUM FOR: H. Lee Hiller, Deputy Controller
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SUBJECT: MATERIALS LICENSING HOURS

In support of the Controller's Commission paper to consider revisions to the materials license fees charged by the Agency, NMSS has calculated the average number of hours required to perform materials licensing reviews.

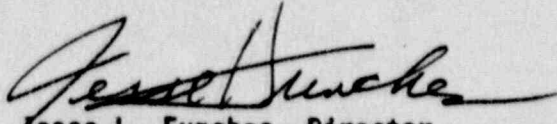
The attached worksheet displays average staff hour values based on actual reported data. NMSS used the assumptions provided by the License Fee Management Branch on February 19, 1988 and supplemented on January 25, 1989.

The NMSS recommended hours for the Commission paper are highlighted in a separate column on the worksheet. NMSS is not recommending changes where the latest data analysis differs from the current fee schedule by 10% or less. Also, where no data was recorded during the period analyzed or where the sample size was small considering the number of licensees within the categories, we are not recommending changes. NMSS would like the current fee categories to remain unchanged; however, NMSS intends to reanalyze its license fee categories, LMS categories and inspection categories during the next year.

Also, NMSS would like to continue collecting materials license fees as "flat fees" rather than actual cost for each licensing action. We prefer this method because our time reporting system does not track time per individual action and changes to this approach would add an unnecessary burden on licensing reviewers and administrative support staff. The only exception to this is category 5B, field flooding studies. This category has been full cost due to the small number of licensing actions received. We would like to retain 5B as a full cost category in the future.

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NMSS is still calculating materials inspection hours and sealed source and device hours; these will be forwarded later. If you have any questions, please call Claudia Seelig on ext. 20659.


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Attachment: As stated

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