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MEMORANDUM FOR: John Davis, Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

FROM: Daniel J. Donoghue, Director, Office of Administration

SUBJECT: PROPOSED LICENSE FEE SCHEDULE REVISION

The Commission has requested that we have a proposed revised fee schedule for their consideration by August 31, 1981. In order to meet that deadline, we plan, in the materials area, to revise only those categories of licenses in §170.31 of Part 170 which are currently subject to fees based on actual costs. The fee categories to be revised are 1A through 1H (SNM), 2A, 2B and 2C (source material), 11A through 11E (transportation), and 4A (waste disposal). In revising the fee categories, we will propose a range of fees for new licenses, approvals, amendments and renewals wherein the fees to be charged will continue to be based on actual costs, but the fees will not be limited to a maximum amount as in the current schedule. Each fee category will list a range of fees for a particular class of application (e.g., the fee for an application for amendment in fee Category 1A (fuel processing and fabrication with 5 kg or more contained U-235 enriched to 20% or more) might range from \$200 for a simple administrative amendment to \$45,000 for a complex technical amendment). Based on experience, applicants filing requests for new licenses, approvals, renewals and amendments could generally expect to pay a fee somewhere within the stated range. However, applicants and licensees would pay fees based on the actual costs incurred in the review of their applications. Since we are proposing to base fees on actual costs, the designations of "major", "minor", and "administrative" amendments would be eliminated; instead, there would be a single "Amendment Fee" designation for each fee category.

To assist us in developing a proposed revision to the fee schedule, we request that your office provide us with a range of costs for processing new licenses, approvals, amendments and renewals for fee Categories 1A through 1H, 2A, 2B, 2C, 11A through 11E, and 4A. The range would encompass the minimum costs (manpower and contractual) required to process an application in a particular fee category to the maximum costs to process an application in that same category. In addition to the presently designated fee categories, we request that a range of fees be established for the processing of new licenses, amendments and renewals for (1) ore-buying stations, and (2) ion exchange (solvent extraction) facilities.

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We would appreciate your providing us with the above information by c.o.b. July 17, 1981. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact William Miller, LFMB, on extension 2-7225.

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Daniel J. Donoghue, Director  
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