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The enclosed procedure and transmittal letter have been prepared to obtain a consensus on our procedures, as well as inform DOE of the way we wish to operate and be supported by their laboratories. Mrs. Mason has agreed to take the lead in DOE in implementing whatever licensee fee procedure we can all agree upon.

I believe these procedures are reflective of our discussions over the past few weeks. Please provide me with your feedback and any changes you feel are necessary. Dependent upon the amount of change from this draft, I may/may not send you another version prior to transmittal. Then we will be in a negotiative posture with DOE.

As with all licensee fee matters, we are already late--so give me your comments this week.

Thanks.

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Dear Mary Lee:

Recently Mr. Barry sent your office a standardized format for NRC use in informing laboratories on fee-recoverable projects. These projects are the technical support efforts that are subject to 10 CFR Part 170 and on which NRC must keep records of the actual costs of evaluating and issuing license amendments, inspections, or similar activities and collect ~~best~~ such costs from the licensees. In the past, the contractual support costs have not been significant; but with a soon-to-be published change to the regulation, the contractual costs will be significant -- and will require our specific knowledge and action.

We estimate about 120 of our 1900 projects (FINs) will fall in the fee recoverable category. These projects include one or more individual "tasks," each with its own type of work effort to be performed for various similar licensee facilities. As noted earlier, costs must be reported and recovered at the final, smallest unit, i.e., the individual case or docket number under each task.

Based on the experience of NMSS with many of your laboratories as well as our recent license amendment contracts with the Franklin Research Institute we have devised an overall procedure to handle this problem. I have enclosed this procedure for your review, comment, and use at the laboratories. Please provide me with your comments as soon as possible as we now expect approval of the revised 10 CFR Part 170 during June 1983 and must be in a position to immediately support the regulation. As you know, over the past year we have provided additional funding whenever needed to insure flexibility of the various laboratory reporting systems to meet this need.

We will implement this procedure on a case-by-case basis as soon as the various NRC program offices can revise and issue their tasking. We believe many of the laboratories are already identifying and apportioning their costs on this basis, and in fact, have helped us work out these procedures. The very latest "need date" we foresee is the publication *date* of the final ~~date~~ rule.

I appreciate your support in this requirement.

Sincerely,

C. A. Beckwith
Office of Resource Management

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