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The Honorable Tom Beville, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Public Law 101-508, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, requires that the NRC recover 100 percent of its budget authority, less the appropriation from the Nuclear Waste Fund, for fiscal years 1991 through 1995 by assessing license and annual fees. For FY 1992, the NRC must collect approximately \$492.5 million through these fees as compared to \$445 million for FY 1991.

In order to comply with the law, the Commission is proposing to amend its fee regulations in 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171. The proposed amendments to the Commission's fee regulations would increase the fees currently charged to individuals and companies licensed by the NRC.

The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 170, which assess license and inspection fees for specific identifiable services would: (1) increase the cost per professional staff-hour for all full cost fees; (2) increase all flat fees for radioisotope programs by seven percent based on the increased hourly rate; (3) refine the categories of fees for export and import licenses; and (4) codify the definition of nonprofit educational institution.

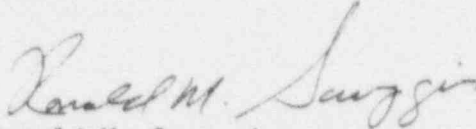
The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Part 171, which assess annual fees for costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170, would establish the amount of the FY 1992 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, including fuel fabrication facilities, uranium recovery facilities, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees. The FY 1992 annual fees would be increased as compared to FY 1991. However, those NRC licensees that can qualify as a small entity under the NRC's size standards would be eligible to pay reduced annual fees. For example, a licensee with gross annual receipts of \$250,000 to \$3.5 million would pay a maximum annual fee of \$1,800. Those licensees with gross annual receipts of less than 250,000 would pay an annual fee of \$400.

The Honorable Tom Bevil

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Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking which is being transmitted to the Federal Register for publication. This notice provides for a 30-day public comment period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald M. Scroggins".

Ronald M. Scroggins
Deputy Chief Financial
Officer/Controller

cc: The Honorable John T. Myers

Enclosure: Proposed Revision
to 10 CFR Parts
171 and 172