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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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CHAIRMAN

December 6, 2021

The Honorable Ben Cardin
Chairman, Committee on Small Business
and Entrepreneurship
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), as required by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, I am reporting the status of the agency's provision of compliance guides to small entities for rules that affect them.

The agency directs much of its regulatory activity to NRC licensees that are not considered small entities under the size standards in § 2.810 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "NRC size standards." However, a few rules do have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The NRC has posted a complete list of those rules and their corresponding guidance documents on the agency's Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking/flexibility-act/small-entities.html>.

Since our last report on this matter dated January 6, 2021, the NRC has issued one new rule that has a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. This final rule, "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2021" (86 FR 32146; June 16, 2021), effective on August 16, 2021, is an annual rule change that amends the licensing, inspection, and annual fees that the NRC charges to its applicants and licensees. These fee changes potentially impact the finances of the NRC's applicants and licensees, which include a substantial number of small entities.

If you have any questions or concerns on this matter, please contact me or have your staff contact Eugene Dacus, Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs, at (301) 415-1776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. T. Hanson".

Christopher T. Hanson

cc: Senator Rand Paul

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