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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

January 27, 2026

The Honorable Joni Ernst
Chair, Committee on Small Business
and Entrepreneurship
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Ernst:

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

Most NRC regulatory activities apply to licensees that do not qualify as small entities under the size standards in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 2.810, "NRC size standards." However, certain rules do have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The NRC maintains a complete list of these rules and their corresponding guidance documents on the agency's website at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking/flexibility-act/small-entities.html>.

Since our last report dated January 16, 2025, the NRC has issued one rule that significantly affects a substantial number of small entities. The final rule, "Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2025" (90 FR 26730; June 24, 2025), which became effective on August 25, 2025, is an annual rule change that amends the licensing, inspection, and annual fees charged to NRC applicants and licensees. These fee changes potentially impact the financial obligations of the NRC's applicants and licensees, including 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,

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