

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION (NRC)

LICENSE, ANNUAL, AND INSPECTION FEE INVOICE -- TERMS AND CONDITIONS

NOTICE: This invoice shows the fee assessed for a licensing action or inspection of your licensed program or the assessment of an annual fee. Fees are assessed in accordance with the pertinent schedules contained in the current 10 CFR Part 170 or 10 CFR Part 171. The revocation or termination of your license does not relieve you of the responsibility for any debt(s). The fee and associated interest, penalties, and administrative cost, if any, constitute a debt to the United States, and the invoice is the demand for payment required under Federal law and implementing regulations.

TERMS: Effective October 1, 2024, the NRC no longer accepts paper-based payments, including checks and paper credit card forms. The NRC lockbox is closed. Paper-based payments will be returned to the sender. Your electronic payment is due immediately and is payable via Pay.gov using a debit or credit card, PayPal account, Venmo account, or bank account (ACH), or electronic funds transfer (FedWire or ACH) made payable to the U.S. NRC. Federal agencies may make payment using the Intragovernmental Payment and Collection System (IPAC).

INTEREST: You will be assessed interest at the rate of 4% per year on debts owed to the NRC. The interest rate will remain fixed for the duration of the indebtedness. However, interest will be waived if payment is received within 30 days from the invoice date.

PENALTY: You will be assessed a penalty charge at the rate of 6% per year on any portion of a debt that is delinquent for more than 90 days. This charge will be calculated on or after the 91st day of delinquency but will accrue from the date the debt became delinquent. A debt is delinquent if it has not been paid by the invoice date.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE: You will be assessed an administrative charge incurred for processing and handling your delinquent debt. This charge is \$15 a month and will be assessed each month the debt is delinquent. There will be an additional administrative charge of \$759 assessed if an Order Revoking License is issued to you for nonpayment of fees.

USE OF CONSUMER REPORTING AGENCIES AND CONTRACTING

FOR COLLECTION SERVICES: All current consumer and commercial debt shall be reported to a credit reporting agency in accordance with 31 CFR Chapter IX, Part 901.5 and 10 CFR 15.26. When a debt is 120 days or more delinquent, the NRC is required to refer the debt to the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) for collections. Treasury may employ a variety of tools to collect your delinquent debt. These tools include administrative offset, Tax Refund Offset, wage garnishment, referral to a private collection agency and referral to the Department of Justice for litigation/collection. As a debtor, you are liable for all collection fees incurred with the collection of this debt.

10 CFR 170.41 FAILURE BY APPLICANT OR LICENSEE TO PAY

PRESCRIBED FEES AND 10 CFR 171.23 ENFORCEMENT: If you fail to pay the prescribed fee or file a false certification for small entity status, the NRC will not process any applications for you and will revoke your license for nonpayment of the fee assessed. The filing of a false certification of small entity status could result in civil sanctions being imposed by the NRC under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act.

10 CFR 170.51 RIGHT TO DISPUTE ASSESSED FEES: Your request for review of the fees assessed, and appeal or disagreement with the prescribed fee, must be submitted in writing in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 15.31, "Disputed Debts."

CONTACTS: For questions about your invoice or to request a change of billing address, please call (301) 415-7554 or send an email to Fees.Resource@nrc.gov. To submit notice of bankruptcy, send written notification via email Fees.Resource@nrc.gov or by mail to:

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NRC PROCEDURES FOR EXTENDING PAYMENT DATES OF LICENSE, INSPECTION, AND ANNUAL FEE INVOICES

License, inspection, and annual fees are billed in accordance with the schedules contained in 10 CFR Part 170 and 10 CFR Part 171. Interest on the amount billed accrues from the invoice date but will be waived if the amount due is paid within 30 days after the invoice date. If an extension of time to pay is granted, interest will be waived if the debt is paid before the expiration of the extended period. The 45-day interest waiver period may be extended, at NRC's discretion, using the following procedures:

1. The NRC must receive your written request for an extension of the 45-day interest waiver period before expiration of the 45-day period. The request should explain why the debt is incorrect in fact or in law (10 CFR 15.31). If the request is not received within the 45-day interest waiver period, it will automatically be denied. Telephone requests for extensions will not be considered. Requests for extensions of the 45-day interest waiver period should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer via the eBilling system, by email to FeeBillingInquiries.Resource@nrc.gov or by mail at:

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interest waiver period. A request is deemed to have merit if it causes the NRC to question whether the amount originally billed is correct.

A. If the explanation has merit, the NRC will notify you in writing that the request is granted and that the 45-day interest waiver period will be extended to a certain date. This date will be 30 days after the date the revised invoice is mailed. The amount on the revised invoice will constitute a final determination of the existence or amount of the debt. A final determination by NRC for this purpose need not await the outcome of litigation or further administrative review. Further extensions of the due date will not be granted. If the amount on the revised invoice is not paid within 30 days after the date the revised invoice is mailed, interest from the date of the original invoice will become due and payable.

B. NRC may, at its option, meet with your representatives to receive further evidence or arguments supporting your contentions.

C. Your request for an extension may be granted either for the entire amount originally billed or for a portion of the amount originally billed. If your request for an extension applies to only a portion of the originally billed amount, the remaining amount is due and payable and if it is not paid by the due date, interest from the date of the original invoice will be assessed.
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2. Your explanation must have merit for the NRC to extend the 45-day

D. If your explanation does not have merit and does not cause the NRC to question whether the amount originally billed is correct, your request will be denied. Failure of NRC to notify you before the end of the 45-day interest waiver period that a request for an extension has been denied will not constitute grounds for a waiver of interest.

E. The assertion that the invoice is unsupported by a sufficiently detailed breakdown of dates, hours, and other data does not constitute an explanation of why the amount billed is incorrect in fact or in law. If you view the information furnished with the invoice as insufficient for the purpose of a request for an extension, you should seek the necessary information as soon as possible in order that a request for extension can be submitted within the 45-day interest waiver period.

3. If an extension of the 45-day interest waiver period is granted and the amount originally billed remains unchanged, such extension will be stated on the revised invoice as provided in 2A above.

4. NRC records in support of billed fees are not subject to audit by non-Governmental entities. However, copies of records desired by you can be made available to you if they are reproduced at your expense. For any charges which may be assessed, refer to 10 CFR Part 9.

5. NRC will refund to you any amount which is later determined to be an overpayment, including interest, if any, which was paid by you on such amount. NRC is not authorized to pay interest on any part of a license, inspection, or annual fee which was paid to NRC and is later refunded.

PROCEDURES FOR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

The NRC can receive funds through the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Fedwire Deposit System. The basic wire message format below complies with the Federal Reserve Board's standard structured third-party format for all electronic funds transfer (EFT) messages.

| (1) | (2) |
| (3) | (4) | (5) |
| (6) | / | (7) (8) |
| TREAS NYC/CTR / |
| (9) |
| BNF=/AC-31000001 OBI= |
| (10) |
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A sample of an EFT message to Treasury and a narrative description of each field follow:

| Field | Content |
|------------------------------|--|
| (1) <u>RECEIVER-DFI#</u> | - Treasury's ABA number for deposit messages is 021030004 |
| (2) <u>TYPE-SUBTYPE-CD</u> | - The type and subtype code will be provided by the sending bank. |
| (3) <u>SENDER-DFI#</u> | - This number will be provided by the sending bank. |
| (4) <u>SENDER-REF#</u> | - The 16-character reference number is inserted by the sending bank at its discretion. |
| (5) <u>AMOUNT</u> | - The transfer amount must be punctuated with commas and decimal point; use of the "\$" is optional. This item will be provided by the depositor |
| (6) <u>SENDER-DFI-NAME</u> | - This information is automatically inserted by the Federal Reserve Bank. |
| (7) <u>RECEIVER-DFI-NAME</u> | - Treasury's name for deposit messages is "TREAS NYC." This name should be entered by the sending bank. |

Field Content

PRODUCT CODE - A product code of "CTR" for customer transfer should be the first data in the RECEIVER-TEXT field. Other values may be entered, if appropriate, using the ABA's options. A slash must be entered after the product code.

(9) **AGENCY LOCATION CODE (ALC)** - THIS ITEM IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. IT MUST APPEAR ON THE FUNDS TRANSFER DEPOSIT MESSAGE IN THE PRECISE MANNER AS STATED TO ALLOW FOR THE AUTOMATED PROCESSING AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE FUNDS TRANSFER MESSAGE TO THE AGENCY LOCATION CODE OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY. The ALC identification sequence can, if necessary, begin on one line and end on the next line; however, the field tag "BNF=" must be on one line and cannot contain any spaces. NRC's 8-digit ALC is

BNF=/AC-31000001

(10) **THIRD-PARTY INFORMATION** - The Originator to Beneficiary Information field tag "OBI=" is used to signify the beginning of the free-form third-party text. All other identifying information to enable the NRC to identify the deposit, for example, NRC annual fee invoice number, description of fee - 10 CFR 171 annual fee, and licensee name, should be placed in this field.

The optimum format for fields 7, 8, 9, and 10 using an 8-digit ALC is as follows:

TREAS NYC/CTR/BNF=/AC-31000001 OBI=

The optimum format, shown above, will allow 219-character positions of information following the "OBI=" indicator.

If the licensee's bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System, the non-member bank must transfer the necessary information and funds to a member bank, which then must transfer the information and funds to the local Federal Reserve Bank.

For transfer of funds from local Federal Reserve Banks to be recorded on the same day, the transfer must be received at the New York Federal Reserve Bank by 4 p.m., EST. Otherwise, the deposit will be recorded on the next workday.

If there are any questions, contact:

NRC Accounts Receivable Help Desk
U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
TELEPHONE: 301-415-7554