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NOTE TO: Kathleen Ruhlman, PDR

FROM: Glenda Jackson
LFARB/DAF/OCFO



SUBJECT: Correction to Fee Rule

On June 4 or June 7, Betty Golden, ADM, forwarded to the PDR a copy of the Final Fee Rule for FY 1999. After it was sent to you, we discovered that one page had several typos. Please replace page 149 in the document Betty sent with the attached corrected page 149. To assist you in identifying the document, I'm attaching the first page.

If you have any questions, please call me at 301-415-6057. I'm sorry for the inconvenience.

(b) **Materials licenses (excluding Part 72 licenses included in §171.17(a)).** (1) *New licenses and terminations.* The annual fee for a materials license that is subject to fees under this part and issued on or after October 1 of the FY is prorated on the basis of when the NRC issues the new license. New licenses issued during the period October 1 through March 31 of the FY will be assessed one-half the annual fee for that FY. New licenses issued on or after April 1 of the FY will not be assessed an annual fee for that FY. Thereafter, the full fee is due and payable each subsequent FY. The annual fee will be prorated for licenses for which a termination request or a request for a POL has been received on or after October 1 of a FY on the basis of when the application for termination or POL is received by the NRC provided the licensee permanently ceased licensed activities during the specified period. Licenses for which applications for termination or POL are filed during the period October 1 through March 31 of the FY are assessed one-half the annual fee for the applicable category(ies) for that FY. Licenses for which applications for termination or POL are filed on or after April 1 of the FY are assessed the full annual fee for that FY. Materials licenses transferred to a new Agreement State during the FY are considered terminated by the NRC, for annual fee purposes, on the date that the Agreement with the State becomes effective; therefore, the same proration provisions will apply as if the licenses were terminated.

(2) *Downgraded licenses.* (i) The annual fee for a materials license that is subject to fees under this part and downgraded on or after October 1 of a FY is prorated upon request by the licensee on the basis of when the application for downgrade is received by the NRC provided the licensee permanently ceased the stated activities during the specified period. Requests for proration must be filed with the NRC within 90 days from the effective date of the final rule establishing the annual fees for which a proration is sought. Absent extraordinary

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Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Fee

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1998 Amount

2,604,000

Class of Licensee

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Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Fee

1,100,000

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Typical Materials Licensees

Radiographers

Fiscal Year 1999 Annual Fee

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4,400

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