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Sharon,
Attached is input for Weekly Info Report.

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Input for Commission's Weekly Information Report

The CFO signed the FY 2001 proposed fee rule on March 19, 2001, and it has been forwarded to the Federal Register for publication the week of March 26 for a 30 day comment period. The proposed amendments to 10 CFR Parts 170 and 171 are necessary to implement the requirements of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, to recover 98 percent of the FY 2001 budget authority through fees. The proposed annual fees would decrease for most of the categories of licensees, including operating power reactors and uranium recovery licensees. The annual fee decreases are primarily due to the reduction in the NRC's fee recovery requirement from 100 percent in FY 2000 to 98 percent in FY 2001, reduced budgeted costs in some classes of licensees, and increased costs recovered through Part 170 fees. However, the proposed annual fees would increase for some licensees due primarily to increased budgeted costs for those classes.

Other major aspects of the proposed rule are:

The professional hourly rates will be revised to \$144 per hour for the materials program activities and \$150 per hour for the reactor program activities.

The "flat" fees materials users and export and import licenses will be revised to reflect the change in the hourly rate and the results of the biennial review of fees required by the Chief Financial Officer Act of 1990..

Fees for revisions to Part 150 reciprocity requests will be eliminated and the costs included in the reciprocity application fee.

A registration fee of \$450 will be established for generally licensed devices under 10 CFR 31.5 beginning with the first re-registration of those generally licensed devices currently in use (expected to occur in calendar year 2002).