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PROPOSED RULE - FEE RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 (STC-16-029)

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Background: These amendments are reviewed annually to support budget needs to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, which mandates that NRC recover through fees approximately 90 percent of its FY 2016 budget authority less the amount appropriated from the Waste Incidental to Reprocessing and generic homeland security activities. The proposed rule does not change the Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 170 fees currently assessed to those Agreement State licensees who perform work in Non-Agreement States under the reciprocity provisions of 10 CFR 150.20. For FY 2016, the reciprocity fee remains unchanged from \$1,900 in FY 2015. The proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* on March 23, 2016 (Volume 81, Number 56, pages 15457-15481). Although the comment period closes on April 22, 2016, comments received after this period will be considered.

Discussion: The proposed rule is no longer being printed, but is available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <http://www.Regulations.gov>; and search under Docket ID: NRC-2015-0223. The reciprocity fee can be found at the end of the Schedule of Materials Fees on pages 15475 of the March 23, 2016, *Federal Register* notice. Please inform your licensees of the proposed fee rule and how they can access it.

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