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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
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The Honorable Marco Rubio
Chairman, Committee on Small Business
and Entrepreneurship
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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 reporting on the status of the agency's provision of compliance guides to small entities for rules that affect them.

The agency directs much of its regulatory activity to NRC licensees that are not considered small entities under the size standards in § 2.810 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, "NRC size standards." However, there are a few rules that do have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. A complete list of those rulemakings and their corresponding guidance documents is available on the agency's Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking/flexibility-act/small-entities.html>.

Since our last report on this matter dated February 13, 2019, the NRC has determined that only one new rule has a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. This final rule, "Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2019," is an annual rule change that amends the licensing, inspection, and annual fees that the NRC charges to its applicants and licensees (84 FR 22331; May 17, 2019). These fee changes potentially impact the finances of NRC's applicants and licensees, which include 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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