



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20555

January 24, 1997

Mr. Robert P. Murphy
General Counsel
General Accounting Office
Room 7175
441 G St., NW.
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Murphy:

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Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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President of the United
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Washington, DC 20510

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 9

RIN 3150-AF60

Duplication Fees

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is amending its regulations by revising the charges for copying records publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room in Washington, DC. The amendment is necessary to reflect the change in copying charge resulting from the Commission's award of a new contract for the copying of records.

EFFECTIVE DATE: (Upon publication in the Federal Register).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas E. Smith, Public Document Room, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone 202-634-3366.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC maintains a Public Document Room

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(PDR) at 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC. The PDR contains an extensive collection of publicly available technical and administrative records that the NRC receives or generates. Requests by the public for the duplication of records at the PDR have traditionally been accommodated by a duplicating service contractor selected by the NRC. The schedule of duplication charges to the public was established in the duplicating service contract. The revised fee schedule reflects the changes in copying charges to the public that have resulted from the awarding of the new contract for the duplication of records at the PDR.

Because this is an amendment dealing with agency practice and procedure, the notice provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act do not apply pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A). In addition, the PDR users were notified on November 14, 1996, that the new contract was being awarded and that the new prices would go into effect on November 14, 1996. The amendment is effective upon publication in the Federal Register. Good cause exists to dispense the usual 30-day delay in the effective date because the amendment is of a minor and administrative nature dealing with agency procedures.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 the NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this

determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB.

Environmental Impact: Categorical Exclusion

The NRC has determined that this final rule is the type of action described in categorical exclusion 10 CFR 51.22(c)(1). Therefore, neither an environmental impact statement nor an environmental assessment has been prepared for this final rule.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

This final rule does not contain a new or amended information collection requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Existing requirements were approved by the Office of Management and Budget approval number 3150-0127.

Public Protection Notification

The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Regulatory Analysis

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is amending its regulations governing the rates charged for copying records at the NRC Public Document Room due to the signing of a new contract for the copying of records. This rule has no significant impact on health, safety or the environment. There is no substantial cost to licensees, the NRC or other Federal agencies.

Backfit Analysis

The NRC has determined that the Backfit Rule, 10 CFR 50.109, does not apply to this final rule and that a backfit analysis is not required for this final rule, because these amendments of regulations do not involve any provisions which would impose backfits as defined in 10 CFR 50.109 (a)(1).

List of Subjects in 10 CFR Part 9

Criminal penalties, Freedom of information, Privacy, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sunshine Act.

For the reasons set out in the preamble and under the authority of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the 5 U.S.C. 552 and 553, the NRC is adopting the

following amendment to 10 CFR Part 9.

PART 9 -- PUBLIC RECORDS

1. The authority citation for Part 9 continues to read as follows:

AUTHORITY: Sec. 161, 68 Stat, 948, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2201); sec. 201, 88 Stat. 1242, as amended (42 U.S.C. 5841).

Subpart A also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552; 31 U.S.C. 9701; Pub. L. 99-570.

Subpart B also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552a. Subpart C also issued under 5 U.S.C. 552b.

2. In § 9.35, paragraphs (a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(3) are revised to read as follows:

§ 9.35 Duplication Fees.

(a)(1) Charges for the duplication of records made available under § 9.21 at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington DC, by the duplicating service contractor are as follows:

(i) Paper to paper reproduction is \$0.08 per page up to and including 8.5x14 inches. Pages 11x17 inches are \$0.15. Pages larger than 11x17 inches are \$1.50 each.

Note: Pages greater than legal size, 8.5x14 inches and smaller than or equal to 11x17 inches shall be reduced to legal size and reproduced for \$0.08 per page, unless the order specifically requests full size reproduction.

(ii) Microfiche to paper reproduction is \$0.08 per page. Aperture card blowbacks are \$3.00 (reduced size) or \$5.00 (full size).

(iii) Microfiche duplication is \$0.75 per card. Aperture card duplication is \$1.00.

(iv) Diskette to diskette duplication is \$2.92. Video cassette duplication is \$15.00 per cassette. Audio tape duplication is \$3.00 per tape. Slide/Negative duplication is \$5.00 each; photographs up to 8x10 inches is \$10.00 per print. Electronic full text/citation reproduction to diskette is available at \$3.00 per diskette or \$0.08 per page.

(v) Rush processing is offered for standard size paper to paper and blowbacks, excluding standing order documents and pages reproduced from bound volumes. The charge is \$0.15 per page. The rush processing for microfiche duplication is \$1.00. Diskette rush processing is \$4.96.

(vi) Facsimile charges are: \$0.30 per page-local calls; \$0.50-U.S. long distance; and \$1.50-foreign long distance.

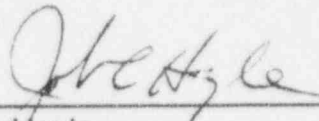
(2) Self-service duplicating machines are available at the PDR for the use of the public. Paper to paper copying is \$0.08. Microfiche to paper is \$0.10 per page on the reader printers.

(3) A requester may submit mail-order requests for contractor duplication of NRC records by writing, faxing, calling or e-mailing the NRC Public Document Room. The charges for any of the requests are the same as those set out in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, plus mailing or shipping charges.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of January, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.



John C. Hoyle,
Secretary of the Commission.