



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

May 27, 1997

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The Honorable Dan Schaefer, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, requires that the NRC recover approximately 100 percent of its budget authority, less the appropriation from the Nuclear Waste Fund, for Fiscal Years 1991 through 1998 by assessing license and annual fees. For FY 1997, the NRC must collect approximately \$462.3 million through these fees.

In order to comply with the law, the Commission is amending its fee regulations in 10 CFR Part 170 and 171. The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 170 will revise the professional hourly rates and "flat" licensing fees to reflect the costs of providing NRC licensing services to applicants and licensees.

The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 171, which assess annual fees for costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170, will establish the amount of the FY 1997 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees. All of the FY 1997 annual fees will increase by about 8 percent as compared to FY 1996. The increase in the annual fees results primarily from a reduction in the amount of the budget recovered by 10 CFR Part 170 fees and other offsetting receipts as well as a reduction in the number of licensees paying fees. Those NRC licensees that can qualify as a small entity under the NRC's size standards will continue to be eligible to pay reduced annual fees.

Enclosed is a copy of the final rule which is being transmitted to the Federal Register for publication. The final rule will become effective 60 days after publication.

Sincerely,

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure: Final Revision to
10 CFR Parts 170 and 171

cc: Representative Ralph M. Hall

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The Honorable James M. Inhofe, Chairman
Subcommittee on Clean Air, Wetlands, Private
Property and Nuclear Safety
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, requires that the NRC recover approximately 100 percent of its budget authority, less the appropriation from the Nuclear Waste Fund, for Fiscal Years 1991 through 1998 by assessing license and annual fees. For FY 1997, the NRC must collect approximately \$462.3 million through these fees.

In order to comply with the law, the Commission is amending its fee regulations in 10 CFR Part 170 and 171. The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 170 will revise the professional hourly rates and "flat" licensing fees to reflect the costs of providing NRC licensing services to applicants and licensees.

The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 171, which assess annual fees for costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170, will establish the amount of the FY 1997 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees. All of the FY 1997 annual fees will increase by about 8 percent as compared to FY 1996. The increase in the annual fees results primarily from a reduction in the amount of the budget recovered by 10 CFR Part 170 fees and other offsetting receipts as well as a reduction in the number of licensees paying fees. Those NRC licensees that can qualify as a small entity under the NRC's size standards will continue to be eligible to pay reduced annual fees.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Linda Portner", followed by a small flourish.

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Senator Bob Graham



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The Honorable John R. Kasich, Chairman
Committee on the Budget
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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In order to comply with the law, the Commission is amending its fee regulations in 10 CFR Part 170 and 171. The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 170 will revise the professional hourly rates and "flat" licensing fees to reflect the costs of providing NRC licensing services to applicants and licensees.

The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 171, which assess annual fees for costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170, will establish the amount of the FY 1997 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees. All of the FY 1997 annual fees will increase by about 8 percent as compared to FY 1996. The increase in the annual fees results primarily from a reduction in the amount of the budget recovered by 10 CFR Part 170 fees and other offsetting receipts as well as a reduction in the number of licensees paying fees. Those NRC licensees that can qualify as a small entity under the NRC's size standards will continue to be eligible to pay reduced annual fees.

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Sincerely,

Linda Portner
for

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Representative John M. Spratt, Jr.



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May 27, 1997

The Honorable Pete V. Domenici, Chairman
Committee on the Budget
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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In order to comply with the law, the Commission is amending its fee regulations in 10 CFR Part 170 and 171. The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 170 will revise the professional hourly rates and "flat" licensing fees to reflect the costs of providing NRC licensing services to applicants and licensees.

The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 171, which assess annual fees for costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170, will establish the amount of the FY 1997 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees. All of the FY 1997 annual fees will increase by about 8 percent as compared to FY 1996. The increase in the annual fees results primarily from a reduction in the amount of the budget recovered by 10 CFR Part 170 fees and other offsetting receipts as well as a reduction in the number of licensees paying fees. Those NRC licensees that can qualify as a small entity under the NRC's size standards will continue to be eligible to pay reduced annual fees.

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Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
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cc: Senator Frank R. Lautenberg



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The Honorable Joseph M. McDade, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 171, which assess annual fees for costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170, will establish the amount of the FY 1997 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees. All of the FY 1997 annual fees will increase by about 8 percent as compared to FY 1996. The increase in the annual fees results primarily from a reduction in the amount of the budget recovered by 10 CFR Part 170 fees and other offsetting receipts as well as a reduction in the number of licensees paying fees. Those NRC licensees that can qualify as a small entity under the NRC's size standards will continue to be eligible to pay reduced annual fees.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jesse L. Funches".

Jesse L. Funches
Chief Financial Officer

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cc: Representative Vic Fazio



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The final amendments to 10 CFR Part 171, which assess annual fees for costs not recovered through 10 CFR Part 170, will establish the amount of the FY 1997 annual fees to be assessed to operating reactors, fuel cycle licensees, transportation certificate holders, and materials licensees. All of the FY 1997 annual fees will increase by about 8 percent as compared to FY 1996. The increase in the annual fees results primarily from a reduction in the amount of the budget recovered by 10 CFR Part 170 fees and other offsetting receipts as well as a reduction in the number of licensees paying fees. Those NRC licensees that can qualify as a small entity under the NRC's size standards will continue to be eligible to pay reduced annual fees.

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Sincerely,

Linda Porter
for

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Office of Congressional Affairs

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cc: Senator Harry Reid