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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, CONNECTICUT, AND INDIANA

PROPOSED RULE - FEE RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022 (STC-22-009)

Purpose: This is to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a proposed rule for comment to modify Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Parts 170 and 171 regarding the licensing, inspection and annual fees to recover approximately 100 percent of its Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget authority (less the budget authority for excluded activities).

Background: These proposed amendments are necessary to implement the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA) which starting in FY2021, requires the NRC to recover, to the maximum extent practicable, approximately 100 percent of its annual budget less certain amounts excluded from this fee recovery requirement. In addition, the NRC is also proposing improvements associated with fee invoicing to implement provisions in NEIMA. The proposed rule also includes a Schedule of Materials Fees for FY2022 which contains changes from the published final FY2021 fees. The comment period for the proposed rule closes on March 25, 2022, and comments received after this date will be considered, if practicable.

Discussion: For FY2022, the NRC is proposing to increase the professional hourly rate from \$288 to \$291. The increase in the professional hourly rate is primarily due to an increase in budgetary resources due to an increase in salaries and benefits for NRC employees and the anticipated increase in the number of mission-direct FTE compared to FY2021. The proposed rule is available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <http://www.regulations.gov>; and search under Docket ID: NRC-2020-0031. The proposed Schedule of Materials Fees for FY2022 can be found on pages 10081 through 10107 of the February 23, 2022, *Federal Register* notice. Please inform your licensees of the proposed fee rule and how they can access it.

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