



**UNITED STATES**  
**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
REGION I  
475 ALLENDALE ROAD - SUITE 102  
KING OF PRUSSIA, PA 19406-1415

November 9, 2023

EA-23-016

Ranfy Almonte Cartegena  
Almonte Geo Service Group  
Calle 46, 3m18  
Alturas de Bucarabones  
Toa Alta, Puerto Rico 00953

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY - \$17,500 – ALMONTE GEO SERVICE GROUP, NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 03038488/2023001**

Dear Ranfy Almonte Cartegena:

This letter refers to the attempted virtual inspection by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) of Almonte Geo Service Group (Almonte) between March 1 – June 14, 2023. The inspection was to evaluate your response to a Notice of Violation (Notice) issued to Almonte on February 1, 2023 (ML23004A164).<sup>1</sup> The Notice documented Almonte's failure to comply with the requirements of the NRC's "Order Revoking License within 20 Days Based on Nonpayment of License Fees" (Order), dated September 1, 2015 (ML15246A146). The Order notified you that Almonte's NRC License No. 52-31453-01 was to be revoked, effective September 21, 2015, unless you paid all debts due to the NRC. Because you did not pay the debts, in accordance with the Order, Almonte was required to dispose of, or transfer to another authorized recipient, all NRC-licensed material within 60 days of the date of revocation (i.e., by November 20, 2015). Almonte initiated decommissioning activities on December 2, 2019, by transferring two CPN-131 portable gauges to an authorized recipient. However, during a site visit on November 22, 2022, NRC staff verified that you continued to possess a Seaman Nuclear Corporation Model C-300 portable gauge containing approximately 5.5 mCi of Ra-226 that had been authorized by Almonte's NRC license. Therefore, the NRC staff issued the Notice documenting the NRC's determination that Almonte's failure to meet its obligation to dispose of or transfer its licensed material constituted a violation of the Order.

In the cover letter transmitting the Notice, the NRC staff provided contact information for the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD), an independent organization that provides information on radioactive source disposal options and recycling events that may be available at a reduced cost. As of June 14, 2023, the NRC staff had no evidence that, following issuance of the Notice and through the attempted inspection period, you corresponded with the CRCPD or any other radioactive waste service providers in Puerto Rico to aid with your disposal efforts.

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<sup>1</sup> Designation in parentheses refers to an Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) accession number. Documents referenced in this letter are publicly-available using the accession number in ADAMS.

You did not respond to the February 1, 2023, Notice or to communications from NRC inspectors during the attempted inspection period between March 1 and June 14, 2023, including through text and voice messages to your personal telephone number. The Decommissioning Timeliness Rule described in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) 30.36(h) requires that licensees shall complete decommissioning of the site as soon as practicable but no later than 24 months following the initiation of decommissioning. However, based on the results of the attempted inspection, the NRC staff identified an apparent violation (AV) for Almonte's failure to complete decommissioning.

In the June 14, 2023, letter transmitting the inspection report (ML23164A193), we informed you that the AV was being considered for escalated enforcement action, including a civil penalty. In the letter, we provided you the opportunity to address the AV identified in the report by either attending a pre-decisional enforcement conference or by providing a written response before we made our final enforcement decision. We also informed you that the NRC would not propose a civil penalty if, within 60 days of the date of the letter, Almonte completed the proper transfer or disposal of its gauge. In an email dated August 9, 2023, you informed NRC staff that you were obtaining a price quote for disposal of the gauge by a contract radiation services professional in Puerto Rico. You provided a copy of the quote in a subsequent email later that day. In an August 11, 2023, communication with an NRC Region I inspector, you requested an additional month to arrange and pay for the disposal, and the NRC staff granted the request.

As of the date of this letter, Almonte remains in possession of the gauge which remains secured within the locked storage facility authorized by Almonte's revoked NRC license. Therefore, the NRC has determined that Almonte has not met its obligation to complete decommissioning of its site within 24 months following the initiation of decommissioning. Accordingly, the NRC has determined that a violation of NRC requirements occurred and is proceeding with enforcement action.

The violation is cited in the enclosed Notice of Violation (Enclosure 1). In assessing the significance of this violation, the NRC considered that the Decommissioning Timeliness Rule is intended to reduce potential risk to the public and environment that may result from delayed decommissioning of inactive or insolvent facilities and sites. Almonte has not disposed of or transferred its licensed material despite having its license revoked more than seven years ago and initiating decommissioning activities almost four years ago. Therefore, the NRC has assessed this violation at Severity Level (SL) III, in accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy. The current Enforcement Policy is included on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/enforce-pol.html>.

In accordance with the civil penalty assessment process in Section 2.3.4 of the Enforcement Policy, a base civil penalty in the amount of \$8,750 is typically considered for an SL III violation by a small nuclear materials facility like Almonte (see Tables 8A.e and 8B of the Enforcement Policy).

Because your facility has been the subject of escalated enforcement actions within the last two inspections,<sup>2</sup> the NRC considered whether credit was warranted for Identification and Corrective Action in accordance with the civil penalty assessment process in Section 2.3.4 of the Enforcement Policy. The NRC determined that identification credit was not warranted because the violation was identified by the NRC. The NRC determined that corrective action credit was not warranted because, as noted above, Almonte has not corrected the violation.

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<sup>2</sup> As described in this letter, a Severity Level III violation was issued on February 1, 2023 (EA-21-006) for failure to dispose of or transfer all NRC-licensed material.

Therefore, to emphasize the importance of the timely completion of decommissioning and of prompt identification and comprehensive correction of violations, and in recognition of your previous escalated enforcement action, I have been authorized, after consultation with the Director, Office of Enforcement, to issue the Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice) provided as Enclosure 1, in twice the base amount of \$17,500 for the SL III violation. In addition, issuance of this Notice constitutes escalated enforcement action that may subject you to increased inspection effort.

The NRC's primary interest in this matter remains ensuring that Almonte meets its obligation to transfer or dispose of the licensed material in its possession and complete decommissioning of its site. Accordingly, the NRC will not impose the \$17,500 civil penalty if, within **60** days of the date of this letter, Almonte properly disposes of or transfers the remaining sealed radioactive source possessed under the NRC license and sends the following information documenting that the material has been transferred or disposed of to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region I, 475 Allendale Rd. Suite 102, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415: (i) a completed NRC Form 314, "Certificate of Disposition of Materials" (Enclosure 2); and (ii) a copy of the certification from the authorized recipient that the material has been received.

If Almonte completes the actions described above, the NRC will forgo imposition of any civil penalty and will terminate the NRC license. However, if Almonte does not complete the above actions, the NRC will issue an Order to impose the \$17,500 civil penalty and will consider the imposition of additional daily civil penalties that would continue to be assessed until Almonte addresses the violation by properly disposing of or transferring its material. The NRC will also consider referring your actions to the Department of Justice for possible criminal proceedings unless you take immediate action to properly dispose of or transfer the gauge.

The NRC staff encourages you to identify and coordinate with radioactive waste service providers in Puerto Rico to aid with your disposal efforts. As the staff has previously communicated to you, assistance can be provided to you by independent organizations such as the CRCPD, which can provide information on radioactive source disposal options and recycling events that may be available at a reduced cost. Additional information about CRCPD's assistance with unwanted radioactive material can be found at <https://www.crcpd.org/page/AssitanceUnwantedRAM>.

In the meantime, pursuant to Order Condition III.B, your license remains in effect only with respect to the possession, transfer, and storage of licensed nuclear material until the Commission (NRC) notifies you in writing that the license is terminated. Accordingly, you must continue to restrict activity involving the gauge to safe and secure storage or transfer. Further, you must continue to conduct all required inventories and testing for contamination and/or leakage of the sealed source and continue to comply with any applicable NRC rules, regulations, or orders, including applicable sections of 10 CFR 30.36. Failure to comply with these requirements and in particular, abandonment of your licensed nuclear material, will be evaluated for potential additional civil and criminal sanctions.

Alternately, you may choose to pay the proposed civil penalty by submitting your payment, with the invoice enclosed to this letter (Enclosure 3), to the following address:

Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
P.O. Box 979051  
St. Louis, MO 63197

In addition, you may pay the proposed civil penalty in accordance with NUREG/BR-0254, "Payment Methods," provided as Enclosure 4. When using NUREG/BR-0254 to pay the civil penalty, the invoice number should be used as the "enforcement action identifier" when submitting your payment through one of the approved methods listed in the brochure. The NRC may consider a request for additional time to pay the proposed civil penalty, including the option to enter into an installment agreement, if payment of the civil penalty as a lump sum in the required timeframe would pose a financial hardship. To request additional time to pay, you must submit a written request, with appropriate justification explaining your financial hardship, to [NRCCollections.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:NRCCollections.Resource@nrc.gov). All requests should be submitted in sufficient time to allow the NRC the ability to review your request for additional time to pay before the 60-day payment period expires.

If you disagree with this enforcement sanction, you may deny the violation, as described in the Notice, or you may request alternative dispute resolution (ADR) with the NRC in an attempt to resolve this issue. ADR is a general term encompassing various techniques for resolving conflicts using a neutral third party. The technique that the NRC has decided to employ is mediation. Mediation is a voluntary, informal process in which a trained neutral third party (the "mediator") works with parties to help them reach resolution. If the parties agree to use ADR, they select a mutually agreeable neutral mediator who has no stake in the outcome and no power to make decisions. Mediation gives parties an opportunity to discuss issues, clear up misunderstandings, be creative, find areas of agreement, and reach a final resolution of the issues. Additional information concerning the NRC's ADR program can be found at <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/enforcement/adr.html>.

The Institute on Conflict Resolution (ICR) at Cornell University has agreed to facilitate the NRC's program as a neutral third party. If you are interested in pursuing this issue through the ADR program, please contact: (1) the ICR at (877) 733-9415; and (2) Christopher Cahill at 610-337-5108 or Monica Ford at 610-337-5214 within 10 days of the date of this letter. You may also contact both ICR and Christopher Cahill for additional information. Your submitted signed agreement to mediate using the NRC ADR program will stay the 30-day time period for payment of the civil penalty and the required written response, as identified in the enclosed notice, until the ADR process is completed.

You are required to respond to this letter and should follow the instructions specified in the enclosed Notice when preparing your response. If you have additional information that you believe the NRC should consider, you may provide it in your response to the Notice. The NRC will use your response, in part, to determine whether further enforcement action is necessary to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copy of this letter, its enclosures, and your response will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room and from the NRC's Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The NRC also includes significant enforcement actions on its Web site at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/enforcement/actions/>.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Christopher Cahill of my staff at 610-337-5108 or [Christopher.Cahill@nrc.gov](mailto:Christopher.Cahill@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

Raymond K. Lorson  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Violation
2. NRC Form 314, "Certificate of Disposition of Materials"
3. Civil Penalty Invoice
4. NUREG/BR-0254, "Payment Methods"

Docket No. 03038488  
License No. 52-31453-01

cc w/Enclosures: Roy Greaves, Director  
Environment, Health, and Safety  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

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 \$17,500 – ALMONTE GEO SERVICE GROUP, NRC INSPECTION REPORT  
 NO. 03038488/2023001 DATED

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ENCLOSURE 1

NOTICE OF VIOLATION  
AND  
PROPOSED IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTY

Almonte Geo Service Group  
Toa Alta, Puerto Rico

Docket No.: 03038488  
License No.: 52-31453-01  
EA-23-016

During an NRC inspection conducted between March 1, 2023, and June 14, 2023, a violation of NRC requirements was identified. In accordance with the NRC Enforcement Policy, the NRC proposes to impose a civil penalty pursuant to Section 234 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (Act), 42 U.S.C. 2282, and 10 CFR 2.205. The particular violation and associated civil penalty are set forth below:

10 CFR 30.36(h) requires, in part, that licensees shall complete decommissioning of the site as soon as practicable but no later than 24 months following the initiation of decommissioning.

Contrary to the above, as of January 1, 2022, Almonte Geo Service Group (Almonte) did not complete decommissioning of the site and request license termination within 24 months following the initiation of decommissioning. Specifically, Almonte's NRC license was revoked as of September 21, 2015. On or about December 2, 2019, Almonte initiated decommissioning by transferring two of its licensed portable gauges to an authorized NRC licensee. However, Almonte has not disposed of its remaining licensed portable gauge to complete decommissioning.

This is a Severity Level III Violation (NRC Enforcement Policy Section 6.3).  
Civil Penalty - \$17,500 (EA-23-016)

Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.201, Almonte Geo Service Group (Licensee) is hereby required to submit a written statement or explanation to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, with a copy to the Document Control Desk, Washington, DC 20555-0001, within 30 days of the date of this Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty (Notice). This reply should be clearly marked as a "Reply to a Notice of Violation and Proposed Imposition of Civil Penalty; (EA-23-016)" and should include: (1) the reason for the violation, or, if contested, the basis for disputing the violation or severity level; (2) the corrective steps that have been taken and the results achieved; (3) the corrective steps that will be taken; and (4) the date when full compliance will be achieved.

Your response may reference or include previous docketed correspondence, if the correspondence adequately addresses the required response. If an adequate reply is not received within the time specified in this Notice, the NRC may issue an order or a Demand for Information requiring you to explain why the NRC should not take other action as may be proper. Consideration may be given to extending the response time for good cause shown.

The NRC's primary interest in this matter remains ensuring that the Licensee meets its obligation to transfer or dispose of the licensed material in its possession. Accordingly, the NRC will not impose the \$17,500 civil penalty if, within **60** days of the date of this letter, the Licensee properly disposes of or transfers the sealed radioactive source possessed under the NRC

license and sends the following information to the NRC documenting that the material has been transferred or disposed of as described below: (i) a completed NRC Form 314, "Certificate of Disposition of Materials" (Enclosure 2); and (ii) a copy of the certification from the authorized recipient that the material has been received.

If the Licensee completes the actions described above, the NRC will forgo imposition of any civil penalty and will terminate the NRC license. However, if the Licensee does not complete the above actions, the NRC will issue an Order to impose the \$17,500 civil penalty and will consider the imposition of additional daily civil penalties that would continue to be assessed until the Licensee addresses the violation by transferring or disposing all licensed material in its possession.

Alternately, the Licensee may pay the civil penalty proposed above through one of the following two methods:

1. Submit the payment with the enclosed invoice for Civil Penalty EA-23-016, issued to Almonte Geo Service Group, to the following address:

Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
P.O. Box 979051  
St. Louis, MO 63197

OR

2. Submit the payment in accordance with NUREG/BR-0254.

The Licensee may protest the imposition of the civil penalty in whole or in part, by a written answer addressed to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, within 60 days of the date of this Notice. Should the Licensee fail to answer within 60 days of the date of this Notice, the NRC will issue an order imposing the civil penalty. Should the Licensee elect to file an answer in accordance with 10 CFR 2.205 protesting the civil penalty, in whole or in part, such answer should be clearly marked as an "Answer to a Notice of Violation" and may: (1) deny the violation listed in this Notice, in whole or in part; (2) demonstrate extenuating circumstances; (3) show error in this Notice; or (4) show other reasons why the penalty should not be imposed. In addition to protesting the civil penalty in whole or in part, such answer may request remission or mitigation of the penalty.

In requesting mitigation of the proposed penalty, the response should address the factors addressed in Section 2.3.4 of the Enforcement Policy. Any written answer addressing these factors pursuant to 10 CFR 2.205 should be set forth separately from the statement or explanation provided pursuant to 10 CFR 2.201, but may incorporate parts of the 10 CFR 2.201 reply by specific reference (e.g., citing page and paragraph numbers) to avoid repetition. The attention of the Licensee is directed to the other provisions of 10 CFR 2.205 regarding the procedure for imposing a civil penalty.

Upon failure to pay any civil penalty which subsequently has been determined in accordance with the applicable provisions of 10 CFR 2.205 to be due, this matter may be referred to the Attorney General, and the penalty, unless compromised, remitted, or mitigated, may be collected by civil action pursuant to Section 234 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 2282(c).



The responses noted above, i.e., Reply to Notice of Violation, Statement as to payment of civil penalty, and Answer to a Notice of Violation, should be addressed to: Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, with copies to the Regional Administrator, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region I, 475 Allendale Rd., Suite 102, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415, and the Document Control Center, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Your response will be made available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To the extent possible, your response should not include any personal privacy, proprietary, classified or safeguards information so that it can be made available to the public without redaction. If personal privacy or proprietary information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, then please provide a bracketed copy of your response that identifies the information that should be protected and a redacted copy of your response that deletes such information. If you request that such material is withheld from public disclosure, you must specifically identify the portions of your response that you seek to have withheld and provide in detail the bases for your claim (e.g., explain why the disclosure of information will create an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or provide the information required by 10 CFR 2.390(b) to support a request for withholding confidential commercial or financial information). If safeguards information is necessary to provide an acceptable response, please provide the level of protection described in 10 CFR 73.21.

In accordance with 10 CFR 19.11, you may be required to post this Notice within two working days of receipt.

Dated this 9th day of November, 2023.

Enclosure 2  
NRC Form 314, "Certificate of Disposition of Materials"

Enclosure 3  
Civil Penalty Invoice



ALMONTE GEO SERVICE GROUP  
CALLE 46, 3M18  
ALTURAS DE BUCARABONES  
TAO ALTA, PR 00953



**Address/Customer Information**

ALMONTE GEO SERVICE GROUP  
CALLE 46, 3M18  
ALTURAS DE BUCARABONES  
TAO ALTA, PR 00953

**Customer Codes**

Account Code: L000000518/1

**Bill Information**

Bill Number: EA-23-016  
Amount Due: \$17,500.00

**Contact Us**

Phone Number: 301-415-7554  
Fax Number: 301-415-4135  
Email Address: Fees.Resource@nrc.gov

**Remit to Address**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
P.O. Box 979051  
St. Louis, MO 63197

**Bill Summary**

Initial Charges	\$17,500.00
Discount	0.00
Surcharge	0.00
Interest Charges	0.00
Penalty Charges	0.00
Admin Charges	0.00
Bill Amount	\$17,500.00
Collected	0.00
Applied Credit	0.00
Adjustments	0.00
Amount Due	\$17,500.00

**Credit Summary**

Applied Credit	\$0.00
Unapplied Credit	0.00
Credit Total	\$0.00

**Comments:**

For questions, contact (301) 415-7554 or by email at Fees.Resource@nrc.gov. For NRC debt collection procedures, including interest and penalty provisions, see 31 U.S.C. 3717, 4 CFR 101-105, AND 10 CFR 15.

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**Customer Information**

L000000518/1  
ALMONTE GEO SERVICE GROUP  
CALLE 46, 3M18  
ALTURAS DE BUCARABONES  
TAO ALTA, PR 00953

**Change of Address:**

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**Phone:**

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**Remittance Information**

Office of the Chief Financial Officer  
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
P.O. Box 979051  
St. Louis, MO 63197

**This Payment References the following Bill:**

EA-23-016

**Outstanding Amount Due:** \$17,500.00

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosure 4  
NUREG/BR-0254, "Payment Methods"

## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions, please visit <https://www.nrc.gov> and search for "License Fees."

Questions may also be directed to the NRC Accounts Receivable Help Desk by e-mail at [nrc@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:nrc@fiscal.treasury.gov), by phone at (301) 415-7554, or by writing to the address below:

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OCFO/DOC/ARB  
Mail Stop T9-E10  
Washington, DC 20555-0001



# Payment Methods

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OCFO/DOC/ARB  
Mail Stop T-9-E10  
Washington, DC 20555-0001  
PH (301) 415-7554



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Estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection request: 10 minutes. This brochure provides information about available payment methods. Forward comments about to burden estimate to the Records Management Branch (T6-F33), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to the Paperwork Reduction Project (3150-0190), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection.

NRC accepts the methods described below.

## PAYMENT BY AUTOMATED CLEARINGHOUSE

To pay by Automated Clearinghouse/Electronic Data Interchange (ACH/EDI), provide a copy of NRC Form 628 to your financial institution. You may obtain a copy of NRC Form 628 from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov> by searching for "NRC Form 628." You can also obtain a form by calling the NRC Accounts Receivable Help Desk at (301) 415-7554.

## PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD

The NRC is currently accepts credit card payments of up to \$24,999.99. For payment by credit card, go to Pay.gov, search for "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Fees" and enter the required information.

You may also mail or fax NRC Form 629 following the directions on the form. To obtain a copy of NRC Form 629 go to <http://www.nrc.gov> and search for "NRC Form 629" or call the NRC Accounts Receivable Help Desk at (301) 415-7554.



## PAYMENT BY FEDWIRE DEPOSIT SYSTEM

The NRC can receive funds through the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury) Fedwire Deposit System. The basic wire message format below complies with the Federal Reserve Board's standard structured third-party format for all electronic funds transfer (EFT) messages.

See the sample EFT message to Treasury below. Each numbered field is described below.

**1 RECEIVER-DFI#** – Treasury's ABA number for deposit messages is 021030004.

**2 TYPE-SUBTYPE-CD** – The sending bank will provide the type and subtype code.

**3 SENDER-DFI#** – The sending bank will provide this number.

**4 SENDER-REF#** – The sending bank will insert this 16-character reference number at its discretion.

**5 AMOUNT** – The transfer amount must be punctuated with commas and decimal point; use of the "\$" is optional. The depositor will provide this item.

**6 SENDER-DFI-NAME** – The Federal Reserve Bank will automatically insert this information.

**7 RECEIVER-DFI-NAME** – Treasury's name for deposit messages is "TREAS NYC". The sending bank will enter this name.

**8 PRODUCT CODE** – A product code of "CTR" for customer transfer should be the first item in the receiver text field. Other values may be entered, if appropriate, using the ABA's options. A slash must be entered after the product code.

**9 AGENCY LOCATION CODE (ALC)** – THIS ITEM IS OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. IT MUST APPEAR ON THE FUNDS TRANSFER DEPOSIT MESSAGE IN THE PRECISE MANNER AS STATED TO ALLOW FOR THE AUTOMATED PROCESSING AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE FUNDS TRANSFER MESSAGE TO THE AGENCY LOCATION CODE OF THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY. The ALC identification sequence can, if necessary, begin on one line and end on the next line; however, the field tag "BNF=" must be on one line and cannot contain any spaces. The NRC's 8-digit ALC is: BNF=/AC-31000001

**10 THIRD-PARTY INFORMATION** – The Originator to Beneficiary Information (OBI) field tag "OBI=" signifies the beginning of the free-form third-party text. All other identifying information intended to enable the NRC to identify the deposit—for example, NRC annual fee invoice number, description of fee, 10 CFR 171 annual fee, and licensee name—should be placed in this field.

The optimum format for fields 7, 8, 9, and 10 using an 8-digit ALC is as follows:

TREAS NYC/CTR/BNF=/AC-31000001 OBI=

The optimum format, shown above, will allow 219 character positions of information following the "OBI=" indicator.

If the licensee's bank is not a member of the Federal Reserve System, the nonmember bank must transfer the necessary information and funds to a member bank, which then must transfer the information and funds to the local Federal Reserve Bank.

For a transfer of funds from local Federal Reserve Banks to be recorded on the same day, the transfer must be received at the New York Federal Reserve Bank by 4 p.m., EST. Otherwise, the deposit will be recorded on the next workday.

## PAYMENT BY CHECK

Checks should be made payable to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission with the invoice number, Enforcement Action number, or other information that identifies the payment, written on the check. Mail the check to the following address:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
U.S. Bank  
P.O. Box 979051  
St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

FedEx or overnight mailings must be delivered to the following address:

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
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