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FINAL RULE - FEE RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 (STC-20-058)

Purpose: To inform the Agreement States that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a final rule 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 90 percent of its Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget authority.

Background: These amendments are reviewed annually to support budget needs to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended, which mandates that NRC recover through fees approximately 90 percent of its FY 2020 budget authority less certain amounts excluded from this fee recovery requirement. To mitigate the financial impact and economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the NRC suspended billing of annual fees and fees for services for the 90-day period of April through June 2020. Deferred fees were billed in July 2020. Please see the FY 2020 Final Fee Rule Work Papers (ML20142A363) for the detailed financial analysis used to determine the final fees. The final rule was published in the *Federal Register* on June 19, 2020 (85 FR 37250-27283) and becomes effective August 18, 2020.

Discussion: The NRC is amending the flat application fees it charges to licensees to reflect an increase in the professional hourly rate to \$279. Also see, "Schedule of Materials Fees" pages 37271-37276 for changes in the FY2020 materials fees. The final rule is no longer being printed but is available on the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <http://www.Regulations.gov>. and search under Docket ID: NRC-2017-0228. It can also be found at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/licensing/fees.html>. If your licensing fees are based on the NRC's fee schedule, please inform your licensees of the final fee rule and how they can access it.

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