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ALL AGREEMENT STATES

FINAL RULE–FEE RECOVERY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 (FSME-14-067)

Purpose: This letter is to inform you 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) 2014 budget authority.

Background: The amendments are necessary in order to implement the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA-90), as amended, which mandates that NRC recover through fees approximately 90 percent of its FY 2013 budget authority, less the amount appropriated for Waste Incidental to Reprocessing activities and generic homeland security activities. The final rule modifies the fees assessed to those Agreement State licensees who perform work in Non-Agreement States under the reciprocity provisions of 10 CFR 150.20. The final rule was published in the Federal Register (FR) on June 30, 2014 (79 FR 37124), and the effective date of the rule is August 29, 2014. The reciprocity fee can be found as Category 16 in the 10 CFR 170.31, Schedule of Materials Fees, on page 37149 of the June 30, 2014, FR notice. The reciprocity fee is $1,900 for FY 2014, an increase of $100 from FY 2013. Please inform your licensees of the final fee rule and how they can access it.

Discussion: A notice of the proposed rule was sent to each State by FSME Letter 14-038, dated April 16, 2014. In addition to publication in the FR, the final rule is available on the internet at: http://www.regulations.gov. To search for fee rule documents, use Docket ID: NRC-2013-0276. To request a copy, contact NRC’s fee staff at (301) 415-7554, by e-mail at fees.resource@nrc.gov, or by writing to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.
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