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NRC Proposes Annual Fees for FY 2018

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comment on proposed changes to its regulations for the fees it will charge applicants and licensees for fiscal year 2018.

The fees in the proposed rule, published today in the *Federal Register*, would recover \$826.7 million, approximately 90 percent of the agency's budget, as required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990, as amended. About \$289.4 million of the fees would recover the cost of specific services to identifiable applicants and licensees under 10 CFR Part 170. The remaining \$537.3 million would be billed as annual fees under 10 CFR Part 171.

The FY 2018 proposed fee rule is based on the FY 2018 Congressional Budget Justification, as adjusted. The final rule will be based on the NRC's actual appropriation, and the agency will update the final fee schedule as appropriate.

The *Federal Register* notice includes detailed instructions on how to submit written comments on the proposed fee rule. Comments will be accepted through Feb. 26.