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NRC SEEKS COMMENT ON PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A VARIABLE ANNUAL FEE STRUCTURE FOR NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking comment on a proposal to amend its rule governing annual fees to establish a variable annual fee structure for nuclear power reactors based on licensed power limits. Current regulations governing annual fees require that each operating nuclear power reactor pay the same annual fee, regardless of the size of the reactors.

The NRC has determined that the current single annual fee structure for nuclear power reactors should be reviewed in light of the potential for future licensing of small and medium sized nuclear reactors, some of which may not be used to generate electric power, and some of which may be used and licensed in configurations of up to 20 reactors (modules). Although issuance of a license for a small or medium sized reactor which triggers imposition of fees may be several years in the future, this proposal invites early input from interested stakeholders and the public on the issues relevant to establish a variable annual fee structure for these reactors.

You may submit comments by June 8 any of the following methods:

- Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2008-0664. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher 301-492-3668; e-mail Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.
- Mail comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.
- E-mail comments to: Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov. If you do not receive a reply e-mail confirming that we have received your comments, contact us directly at 301-415-1677.
- Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm Federal workdays. (Telephone 301-415-1677).
- Fax comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301-415-1101.

Written or e-mailed comments will be available for public review.

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