NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Parts 170 and 171

RIN 3150–AJ73

Revision of Fee Schedules; Fee Recovery for Fiscal Year 2017; Corrections

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published a final rule amending regulations that will become effective August 29, 2017. The fiscal year (FY) 2017 final fee rule, published June 30, 2017, amends the licensing, inspection, special project, and annual fees charged to NRC applicants and licensees. This document corrects the annual fees for fuel facility licensees.

DATES: Effective Date: These corrections are effective on August 29, 2017.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO DOCUMENTATION: You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/ADAMS.html. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC published a final rule amending its regulations in parts 170 and 171 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations that will become effective August 29, 2017. The FY 2017 final fee rule, published June 30, 2017 (82 FR 30682), amends the licensing, inspection, special project, and annual fees charged to NRC applicants and licensees. The FY 2017 final fee rule contained inadvertent errors in the calculation of the fuel facilities fee class annual fees. Although the fuel facilities total annual fee recovery amount was correctly calculated at $28.4 million, the NRC staff incorrectly calculated the prorated unpaid portion of Lead Cascade’s annual fee to be spread among the six fee categories within the fee class for the remaining licensees. When prorating Lead Cascade’s expected annual fee, the NRC staff mistakenly used the 1.E. fee category, which caused the calculated unpaid prorated amount to be higher than the actual prorated amount by $1.5 million. To correct this situation, the NRC staff lowered the amount to be recovered from the remaining licensees by $1.5 million. This rule, therefore, corrects fee categories 1.A.(1)(a), 1.A.(1)(b), 1.A.(2)(b), 1.A.(2)(c), 1.E., and 2.A.(1) in the table in § 171.16(d) and Table VIII in the portion of the final rule preamble that includes these fees.

Rulemaking Procedure

Under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b)), an agency may waive the normal notice and comment requirements if it finds, for good cause, that they are impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest. As authorized by 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(3)(B) and (d)(3), the NRC finds good cause to waive notice and opportunity for comment on these amendments and to make this final rule effective on August 29, 2017, the effective date of the FY 2017 final rule. These amendments are necessary to correct an error in the NRC’s fee calculations and do not involve changes to NRC policy or the exercise of agency discretion. Second, these amendments will have no adverse effect on any person or entity regulated by the NRC because these amendments will lower annual fees (if anything, these amendments will have a beneficial effect on the affected fee classes). For these reasons, an opportunity for comment would not be meaningful.

These amendments need to be effective on August 29, 2017, the effective date of the FY 2017 final rule, in order to avoid incorrect payments by stakeholders in the affected fee classes and the consequent administrative burden on the NRC if refunds must be processed.

Correction of Errors

In FR Doc. 2017–13520, appearing on page 30682 in the Federal Register of Friday, June 30, 2017, the following corrections are made:

1. Name of hiring or designated official of the employer (Last Name, First Name) *

2. DOL Case Number *

3. Signature *

4. Date signed *
Correction to the Preamble

1. Beginning on page 30686, in section a., Fuel Facilities, Table VIII is corrected to read as follows:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Facility type (fee category)</th>
<th>FY 2016 final annual fee</th>
<th>FY 2017 final annual fee</th>
<th>Percentage change</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>High-Enriched Uranium Fuel (1.A.(1)(a))</td>
<td>$7,867,000</td>
<td>$7,255,000</td>
<td>−7.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low-Enriched Uranium Fuel (1.A.(1)(b))</td>
<td>2,736,000</td>
<td>2,629,000</td>
<td>−3.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Limited Operations (1.A(2)(a))</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>0.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gas Centrifuge Enrichment Demonstration (1.A.(2)(b))</td>
<td>1,539,000</td>
<td>1,366,000</td>
<td>−11.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hot Cell (and others) (1.A(2)(c))</td>
<td>770,000</td>
<td>710,000</td>
<td>−7.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Uranium Enrichment (1.E.)</td>
<td>3,762,000</td>
<td>3,470,000</td>
<td>−7.8</td>
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<tr>
<td>UF₆ Conversion and Deconversion (2.A.(1))</td>
<td>1,625,000</td>
<td>1,498,000</td>
<td>−7.8</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Correction to the Regulatory Text

§ 171.16   Annual fees: Materials licensees, holders of certificates of compliance, holders of sealed source and device registrations, holders of quality assurance program approvals, and government agencies licensed by the NRC.

1. Special nuclear material:
   A. (1) Licenses for possession and use of U–235 or plutonium for fuel fabrication activities.
      (a) Strategic Special Nuclear Material (High Enriched Uranium) [Program Code(s): 21213] ........................................ $7,255,000
      (b) Low Enriched Uranium in Dispersible Form Used for Fabrication of Power Reactor Fuel [Program Code(s): 21210] 2,629,000
   (2) * * *
      (b) Gas centrifuge enrichment demonstration facilities [Program Code(s): 21205] ................................................ 1,366,000
      (c) Others, including hot cell facilities [Program Code(s): 21130, 21133] ...................................................... 710,000

2. Source material:
   A. (1) Licenses for possession and use of source material for refining uranium mill concentrates to uranium hexafluoride or for deconverting uranium hexafluoride in the production of uranium oxides for disposal. [Program Code: 11400] .......... $1,948,000

¹ Annual fees will be assessed based on whether a licensee held a valid license with the NRC authorizing possession and use of radioactive material during the current FY. The annual fee is waived for those materials licenses and holders of certificates, registrations, and approvals who either filed for termination of their licenses or approvals or filed for possession only/storage licenses before October 1, 2015, and permanently ceased licensed activities entirely before this date. Annual fees for licensees who filed for termination of a license, downgrade of a license, or for a possession-only license during the FY and for new licenses issued during the FY will be prorated in accordance with the provisions of §171.17. If a person holds more than one license, certificate, registration, or approval, the annual fee(s) will be assessed for each license, certificate, registration, or approval held by that person. For licenses that authorize more than one activity on a single license (e.g., human use and irradiator activities), annual fees will be assessed for each category applicable to the license.

² Payment of the prescribed annual fee does not automatically renew the license, certificate, registration, or approval for which the fee is paid. Renewal applications must be filed in accordance with the requirements of parts 30, 40, 70, 71, 72, or 76 of this chapter.

³ Each FY, fees for these materials licenses will be calculated and assessed in accordance with §171.13 and will be published in the Federal Register for notice and comment.
**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

14 CFR Part 39  
RIN 2120–AA64

**Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Airplanes**  
AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are adopting a new airworthiness directive (AD) for all Airbus Model A321 series airplanes. This AD was prompted by a determination from fatigue testing that cracks could develop in the cabin floor beam junction at certain fuselage frame locations. This AD requires repetitive inspections for cracking in the cabin floor beam junction at certain fuselage frame locations, and repair if necessary. We are issuing this AD to address the unsafe condition on these products.

**DATES:** This AD is effective August 23, 2017.

The Director of the Federal Register approved the incorporation by reference of certain publications listed in this AD as of August 23, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** For service information identified in this final rule, contact Airbus, Airworthiness Office—EIAS, 1 Rond Point Maurice Bellonte, 31707 Blagnac Cedex, France; telephone: +33 5 61 93 36 96; fax: +33 5 61 93 44 51; email: account.airworth-eas@airbus.com; Internet: http://www.airbus.com. You may view this referenced service information at the FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate, 1601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA. For information on the availability of this material at the FAA, call 425–227–1221. It is also available on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2016–9498.

**Examining the AD Docket**  
You may examine the AD docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2016–9498; or in person at the Docket Management Facility between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The AD docket contains this AD, the regulatory evaluation, any comments received, and other information. The street address for the Docket Office (telephone: 800–647–5527) is Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590.


**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Discussion**  
We issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend 14 CFR part 39 by adding an AD that would apply to all Airbus Model A321 series airplanes. This NPRM published in the Federal Register on December 16, 2016 (81 FR 91060). The NPRM was prompted by a determination from fatigue testing on the Model A321 airframe that cracks could develop in the cabin floor beam junction at certain fuselage frame locations. The NPRM proposed to require repetitive inspections for cracking in the cabin floor beam junction at certain fuselage frame locations, and repair if necessary. We are issuing this AD to detect and correct cracking in the cabin floor beam junction at certain fuselage frame locations, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the airplane.

The European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), which is the Technical Agent for the Member States of the European Union, has issued EASA AD 2016–0105, dated June 6, 2016 (referred to after this as the Mandatory Continuing Airworthiness Information, or “the MCAI”), to correct an unsafe condition on all Airbus Model A321 series airplanes. The MCAI states:

The results of a new full scale fatigue test campaign on the A321 airframe in the context of the A321 extended service goal, it was identified that cracks could develop in the cabin floor beam junctions at fuselage frame (FR) 35.1 and FR 35.2, on both left hand (LH) and right hand (RH) sides, also on aeroplanes operated in the context of design service goal.

This condition, if not detected and corrected, could reduce the structural integrity of the fuselage.


For the reasons described above, this [EASA] AD requires repetitive detailed inspections (DRI) of the affected cabin floor beam junctions [for cracking] and, depending on findings, accomplishment of a repair. This [EASA] AD is considered an interim action, pending development of a permanent solution.

**You may examine the MCAI in the AD docket on the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov by searching for and locating Docket No. FAA–2016–9498.**

**Comments**  
We gave the public the opportunity to participate in developing this AD. The following presents the comments received on the NPRM and the FAA’s response.

**Request To Use Later Approved Service Information Revisions**  
Delta Airlines (DAL) requested that we revise the proposed AD to permit use of later approved revisions of service information as we have done in previous alternative methods of compliance (AMOCs). DAL stated that Airbus service bulletins are EASA approved, and through the bi-lateral agreement with the European Union, these subsequent service bulletin revisions should be allowed to be used by U.S. operators without seeking an AMOC. DAL also explained that having the ability to utilize future service bulletin revisions without seeking an AMOC is more efficient and preserves the required level of safety. DAL added that they operate airplanes that are not listed in the service bulletin applicability, but are included in the proposed AD. DAL claimed that without a provision allowing later approved revisions, they might have to apply for multiple AMOCs as the service information is updated.

We do not agree with DAL’s request. We may not refer to any document that does not yet exist in an AD. In general terms, we are required by Office of the Federal Register (OFR) regulations to either publish the service document contents as part of the actual AD language; or submit the service document to the OFR for approval as “incorporated by reference.” In each case we may only refer to such material in the text of an AD. The AD may refer to the