

TABLE VIII.—PROPOSED ANNUAL FEES FOR FUEL FACILITIES—Continued

Facility type	Proposed FY 2003 annual fee
Low Enriched Uranium	1,957,000
UF6 Conversion	839,000
Limited Operations Facility ...	769,000
Others	559,000

b. Uranium Recovery Facilities. The FY 2003 budgeted costs, including surcharge costs, to be recovered through annual fees assessed to the uranium recovery class is approximately \$1.5 million. Approximately \$1.0 million of this amount would be assessed to DOE. The remaining \$0.5 million would be recovered through annual fees assessed to conventional mills, in-situ leach solution mining facilities, and 11e.(2) mill tailings disposal facilities.

Consistent with the change in methodology adopted in the FY 2002 final fee rule (67 FR 42612; June 24, 2002), the total annual fee amount, less the amounts specifically budgeted for Title I activities, is allocated equally between Title I and Title II licensees. This would result in an annual fee being assessed to DOE to recover the costs specifically budgeted for NRC's Title I activities plus 50 percent of the remaining annual fee amount, including the surcharge, for the uranium recovery class. The remaining surcharge, generic, and other costs would be assessed to the NRC Title II program licensees that are subject to annual fees. The costs to be recovered through annual fees assessed to the uranium recovery class are shown

below. Due to rounding, adding the individual numbers in the table may result in a total that is slightly different than the one shown.

DOE Annual Fee Amount (UMTRCA Title I and Title II general licenses):	
UMTRCA Title I budgeted costs	\$393,227
50% of generic/other uranium recovery budgeted costs	495,513
50% of uranium recovery surcharge	70,829
Total Annual Fee Amount for DOE	959,569
Annual Fee Amount for UMTRCA Title II Specific Licenses:	
50% of generic/other uranium recovery budgeted costs	495,513
50% of uranium recovery surcharge	70,829
Total Annual Fee Amount for Title II Specific Licenses	566,342

The costs allocated to the various categories of Title II specific licensees are based on the uranium recovery matrix established in the FY 1999 final fee rule (64 FR 31448; June 10, 1999). The methodology for establishing part 171 annual fees for Title II uranium recovery licensees has not changed and is as follows:

(1) The methodology identifies three categories of licenses: conventional uranium mills (Class I facilities), uranium solution mining facilities (Class II facilities), and mill tailings disposal facilities (11e.(2) disposal

facilities). Each of these categories benefits from the generic uranium recovery program efforts (e.g., rulemakings, staff guidance documents);

(2) The matrix relates the category and the level of benefit by program element and subelement;

(3) The two major program elements of the generic uranium recovery program are activities related to facility operations and those related to facility closure;

(4) Each of the major program elements was further divided into three subelements;

(5) The three major subelements of generic activities associated with uranium facility operations are regulatory efforts related to the operation of mills, handling and disposal of waste, and prevention of groundwater contamination. The three major subelements of generic activities associated with uranium facility closure are regulatory efforts related to decommissioning of facilities and land clean-up, reclamation and closure of tailings impoundments, and groundwater clean-up. Weighted values were assigned to each program element and subelement considering health and safety implications and the associated effort to regulate these activities. The applicability of the generic program in each subelement to each uranium recovery category was qualitatively estimated as either significant, some, minor, or none.

The relative weighted factors per facility type for the various subclasses of specifically licensed Title II uranium recovery licensees are as follows:

TABLE IX.—WEIGHTED FACTORS FOR URANIUM RECOVERY LICENSES

Facility type	Number of facilities	Category weight	Level of Benefit, Total weight	
			Value	Percent
Class I (conventional mills)	3	770	2,310	34
Class II (solution mining)	6	645	3,870	58
11e.(2) disposal	1	475	475	7
11e.(2) disposal incident to existing tailings sites	1	75	75	1

Applying these factors to the \$0.5 million in budgeted costs to be recovered from Title II specific licensees

results in the following proposed annual fees:

TABLE X.—ANNUAL FEES FOR TITLE II SPECIFIC LICENSES

Facility type	Proposed FY 2003 annual fee
Class I (conventional mills)	\$64,800
Class II (solution mining)	54,300
11e.(2) disposal	40,000
11e.(2) disposal incidental to existing tailings sites	6,300