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PUBLICATION OF PNRI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 01, SERIES OF 2020: SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE CONDUCT OF VIRTUAL REGULATORY INSPECTION

ADDRESSEES

All PNRI radioactive material license holders.

PURPOSE

This Information Notice is issued to inform all PNRI licensees on the publication of PNRI Administrative Order (AO) No. 01, Series of 2020 in the Official Gazette Vol. 116 No. 32 on 10 August 2020. This PNRI AO entitled "Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Conduct of Virtual Regulatory Inspection" provide the new schedule of prescribed fees and charges for the conduct of virtual regulatory inspection in light with the Proclamation No. 929, Series of 2020, which declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the Philippines due to Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and enjoining all government agencies to render full assistance and cooperation and mobilize the necessary resources to undertake critical, urgent, and appropriate response and measures in a timely manner to curtail and eliminate the threat of COVID-19.

DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES

One of the key functions of the Nuclear Regulatory Division (NRD) of Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) is to conduct regulatory inspection at the licensees' facilities to ensure high level of confidence that the licensees are in compliance with the safety and security requirements prescribed or approved by PNRI/NRD. The PNRI charge fees for regulatory inspection in accordance with CPR Part 22, "Fees and Charges for Radioactive Material Licenses and other Related Regulatory Services", Rev. 02 published in the Official Gazette on 3 October 2016.

Due to the threat brought by COVID-19 pandemic, the conduct of physical onsite facility inspection is not possible thereby virtual inspection was conceptualized to continue this important regulatory activity via virtual inspection using online platforms. In this regard, the PNRI implemented interim guidelines for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and hereby issued the PNRI Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2020 for the conduct of virtual regulatory inspection, pursuant to Republic Act No. 2067: "Science Act of 1958", as amended by Republic Act No. 3589, Republic Act No. 5207: "Atomic Energy

Regulatory and Liability Act of 1968”, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 1484, and Executive Order No. 128. Hence, new schedule of fees and charges for the conduct of virtual regulatory inspection is being issued as stipulated in Table 1 of the published PNRI Administrative Order.

DISCUSSION

The PNRI Administrative Order No. 01, Series of 2020, “Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Conduct of Virtual Regulatory Inspection” was published in the Official Gazette Vol. 116 No. 32 on 10 August 2020 and took effect fifteen (15) days thereafter. The provisions of this order are applicable to all addressees which are and will be subjected for virtual regulatory inspection.

The PNRI AO is now available and can be downloaded from the PNRI website. (www.pnri.dost.gov.ph).

REQUIRED LICENSEE RESPONSE

The licensee is expected to pay the prescribed fees and charges in accordance with the new schedule for the conduct of virtual regulatory inspection provided under the said PNRI Administrative Order.

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