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Notice of Upcoming Change to Department of Energy (DOE) Federal Administrative Charge (FAC)

To Our Valued Partners and Collaborators,

We want to ensure our partners and collaborators are aware of an important upcoming change that will impact Strategic Partnership Projects (SPPs), Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADAs), and other non-DOE funded projects.

Effective October 1, 2025, the Department of Energy (DOE) will implement changes to the Federal Administrative Charge (FAC) under DOE Order 522.1A, *Pricing of Departmental Materials and Services* (dated October 28, 2024).

The FAC is an administrative fee applied to non-DOE funded projects to recover DOE's costs for providing oversight and ensuring compliance with federal regulations. Under the revised policy:

- The FAC rate will be reduced from 3% to a uniform rate of 1%.
- Most legacy exemptions will be eliminated.
- A limited number of exemptions, as outlined in the applicable statute and order, will remain in effect for certain reimbursable work.

We encourage you to review the details in [DOE Order 522.1A Pricing of Departmental Materials and Services \(10-28-24\)](#), which outlines these changes.

Thank you for your attention to this important update.

If you have any questions about these changes or how they may affect your agreements, please contact us at ResearchPartnerships@bnl.gov.

Best Regards,

Office of Research Partnerships and Technology Transfer