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NRC PROPOSES FY 2013 BUDGET TO CONGRESS; DETAILED BUDGET JUSTIFICATION REPORT AVAILABLE

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has requested \$1.053 billion in its Fiscal Year 2013 budget proposal to Congress to regulate nuclear power plants and users of nuclear materials to protect people and the environment. The largely flat budget represents an increase of \$15 million. However, because the fees the NRC charges licensees are sent directly to the Treasury, the net appropriation requested is actually \$128 million, which is slightly less than in the previous year.

Included in the budget request is \$11 million for the Office of the Inspector General, which independently and objectively conducts audits and investigations to ensure the efficiency and integrity of NRC programs and to promote cost-effective management.

The budget reflects a decrease of 25 full-time equivalent employees, primarily corporate support positions, in comparison to the FY 2012 enacted budget. This is a result of cost-conscious business solutions being implemented by the agency. The FY 2013 budget funds 3,951 full-time equivalent employees.

“This is a disciplined budget request that will enable the NRC to continue its vital safety and security mission on behalf of the American people,” said NRC Chairman Gregory B. Jaczko.

The FY 2013 budget breakout includes \$809 million for nuclear reactor safety and \$232 million for nuclear materials and waste. At the time the budget was submitted, the NRC was still evaluating the impacts of regulatory actions related to the Fukushima nuclear incident and the activities are included in the budget figures for operating reactors to maintain continued safety of domestic nuclear power plants.

The detailed NRC Congressional Budget Justification report (NUREG-1100, Vol. 28) and budget briefing slides are available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1100/v28/>. A limited number of hard copies of the report are available from opa.resource@nrc.gov.

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