



UNITED STATES
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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The Honorable Pete V. Domenici, Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is NRC's FY 2004 Initial Base Table. This table reflects changes since the NRC budget submission to the Congress in February 2003. Please call me at 301-415-1776 if you have any questions concerning this material.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Portner" with a flourish underneath.

Dennis K. Rathbun, Director
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:
As stated

cc: The Honorable Harry Reid

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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FY 2004 INITIAL BASE TABLE (Dollars in Thousands)				
Programs	FY 2004 President's Budget	Comparability Adjustments	Program Changes	Revised Allocation 10/1/2003
Nuclear Reactor Safety	\$ 305,816	\$ 3,134	\$ (913)	\$ 308,037
Nuclear Materials Safety	71,234	(4,742)	(579)	65,913
Nuclear Waste Safety	70,117	1,933	263	72,313
International Nuclear Safety Support	5,368	242	293	5,903
Management and Support Program	166,265	(567)	936	166,634
Subtotal	\$ 618,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 618,800
Inspector General Program	\$ 7,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,300
Total NRC	\$ 626,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 626,100

COMPARABILITY ADJUSTMENTS

Nuclear Reactor Safety

\$3,134,000

Resources increased primarily to realign Homeland Security resources from the Nuclear Materials Safety Program to the Nuclear Reactor Safety Program. These activities included accelerated completion of power plant security plan reviews and increased inspections for the material control and accounting program. Resources also increased to consolidate non-power reactors reviews in the Nuclear Reactor Safety Program and to realign information technology resources from the Management and Support Program to the Nuclear Reactor Safety Program.

Nuclear Materials Safety

(\$4,742,000)

Resources decreased due to the refinement over time of the initial resource estimate for Homeland Security activities collectively called Control of Sources enabling the realignment of resources to other Homeland Security activities in the Nuclear Reactor Safety Program and the Nuclear Waste Safety Program. Resources also decreased to realign vulnerability assessment activities associated with the effects of explosives on spent fuel from the Nuclear Materials Safety Program to the Nuclear Waste Safety Program and to realign radiological dispersal device work from the Nuclear Materials Safety Program to the International Nuclear Safety Support Program.

Nuclear Waste Safety **\$1,933,000**

Resources increased primarily to realign Homeland Security resources from the Nuclear Materials Safety Program to fund Homeland Security activities associated with increased waste safeguards inspections and increased safeguards licensing support for decommissioned sites, transportation, and independent spent fuel storage installations. Resources also increased to realign vulnerability assessment activities associated with the effects of explosives on spent fuel to the Nuclear Waste Safety Program from the Nuclear Materials Safety Program.

International Nuclear Safety Support **\$242,000**

Resources increased to realign radiological dispersion device work from the Nuclear Material Safety Program to the International Nuclear Safety Support Program.

Management and Support **(\$567,000)**

Resources decreased to realign information technology resources from the Management and Support Program to the Nuclear Reactor Safety Program and the Nuclear Materials Safety Program.

PROGRAM CHANGES

Nuclear Reactor Safety **(\$913,000)**

Resources decreased primarily to reflect current industry early site permit application schedules and the latest estimates for duration and level of effort for each application review. Due to the later than expected submission of three early site permits, and the staggered approach being used for their review, fewer review resources will be required in FY 2004.

Nuclear Materials Safety **(\$579,000)**

Resources decreased primarily due to projected decline in attendance for nuclear materials technical training, reduced efforts in reviews of current business practices because of efficiencies gained from initial reviews, and delay of some information technology system enhancements until FY 2005.

Nuclear Waste Safety **\$263,000**

Resources increased primarily for increased research on the assessment of doses for environmental contaminants and review of the License Termination Rule in the decommissioning program.

International Nuclear Safety Support

\$293,000

Resources increased primarily to support work associated with the Convention on Nuclear Safety.

Management and Support

\$936,000

Resources increased primarily to fund the adoption of the new OMB directed web-based Learning Management System used for managing employee training and to support a new Deputy Executive Director for Homeland Protection and Preparedness.