

Resources

Current resource estimates are similar to those discussed in SECY-16-0020. In regards to the resource implications for oversight of remediation activities at these sites, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff will not know how many sites will need remediation until the scoping surveys are completed; thus, the NRC resource needs cannot be fully estimated at this time. The cost estimates provided below primarily reflect the resources needed for performing outreach activities, initial site visits, and scoping surveys.

Some, but not all of the forecasted resources needed for the project management, inspection, and performance assessment activities for the historical radium site identification effort are included in the FY 2017 Congressional Budget Justification under the Decommissioning and Low-Level Waste business line. The total resource need for FY 2017 is \$318K for contract support and travel and 3.8 Full-Time Equivalents (FTE), of which 0.8 FTE is unbudgeted. Since the staff's activities with respect to regulatory oversight of the non-military radium issue are proceeding similarly to the approach discussed in SECY-16-0020, additional resource needs in FY 2017 have been addressed by reallocations within the business line. Future resource needs in FY 2018 and FY 2019 will be addressed through the Planning, Budgeting, and Performance Management process.

Table 1 summarizes the estimated resources in terms of both budgeted and unbudgeted resources. Of particular note, if the Commission approves the staff's recommendation to create a new fee-relief category, then the resources identified in Table 1 will go entirely into fee relief; however, if fee relief exceeds 10 percent of the agency's total budget, then the NRC staff will impose a surcharge that will be spread to all licensees' annual fees in the fee rule (for example, see the FY 2015 final fee rule, 80 *Federal Register* 37432, June 30, 2015).

As discussed above, it is difficult to forecast how many sites will need remediation at this time. The NRC staff will prioritize work to ensure that appropriate actions are taken at sites within the approved annual FTE level.

Table 1: Resources

Estimated Resources - Decommissioning and Low Level Waste Business Line								
Activity	FY 2017 Budgeted		FY 2017 Unbudgeted		FY 2018		FY 2019	
	\$K	FTE	\$K	FTE	\$K	FTE	\$K	FTE
Scoping Surveys and Outreach to States and Site Owners for Commercial Radium	\$318	3.0	\$0	0.8	■	■	■	■
<i>All resources are for the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards and Regions I, III, and IV.</i>								

Note: The resource estimates above are consistent with those outlined in SECY-16-0020.