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NRC Proposes FY 2018 Budget to Congress

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is proposing a Fiscal Year 2018 budget of \$952 million, including the Office of the Inspector General – a request nearly \$45 million lower than 2016’s spending levels. This budget focuses on continued agency efforts to enhance efficiency and effectiveness, and demonstrates the agency’s continued commitment to fee transparency. Despite reductions in spending and staffing levels, the FY 2018 budget supports the agency’s safety and security strategic goals and objectives.

Since the NRC recovers approximately 90 percent of its budget from licensee fees, which are sent directly to the U.S. Treasury, the resulting net appropriation request is \$138 million.

“The agency’s budget has decreased more than \$100 million, including a reduction of more than 500 FTE, since 2014,” said Chief Financial Officer Maureen Wylie. “We believe this budget is appropriate and reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility.”

Details of the budget include:

- Requested funding for 3,284 full-time equivalent employees, including the OIG, a reduction of approximately 270 FTE from the FY 2016 level. Reductions in staffing were related to completion of work related to the Fukushima Near-Term Task Force and improved efficiency of agency operations, including reductions in procurement operations, physical and personnel security, and information technology.
- Requested funding of \$466.7 million for nuclear reactor safety, \$171.1 million for nuclear materials and waste safety, which includes \$30 million to support activities for the proposed Yucca Mountain deep geological repository for spent fuel and other high-level radioactive waste, and \$301.4 million for corporate support.
- Requested funding of \$12.1 million for the OIG, an independent office that conducts audits and investigations to ensure the efficiency and integrity of NRC programs, and promote cost-effective management. The OIG’s budget also includes funding to provide auditing and investigation services for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The budget briefing slides and the Congressional Budget Justification are available on the [NRC website](#). A limited number of hard copies of the report will be available from opa.resource@nrc.gov.