



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555

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OFFICE OF THE  
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Alan Simpson, Chairman  
Subcommittee on Nuclear Regulation  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As a result of recent Congressional actions in regard to the FY 1981 Supplemental Appropriation and due to our ongoing efforts to get back on schedule in issuing licenses, we are requesting authority to reprogram certain FY 1981 funding availability.

No funds have been included in the FY 1981 Supplemental Appropriations Bill (H.R. 3512) for NRC for the October 1, 1980 pay raise. We estimate that an additional \$2,750,000 will be needed to fund this pay raise. You will note that this amount is \$1,750,000 less than our previous request of \$4,500,000. This reduction is due primarily to the hiring freeze lasting longer than anticipated.

An additional \$3,990,000 is needed in FY 1981 for our "Licensing Recovery Plan" to support the construction permit licensing and operating reactor licensing schedules reported to the House Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development on April 30, 1981, and to maintain the pace of other Nuclear Reactor Regulation programs through technical assistance while releasing on-board NRR staff to work on casework recovery efforts. In addition, \$1,130,000 is needed to expedite implementation of NRC's revised reactor operator licensing and requalification procedures. It should be noted that a major source of the funds for the licensing recovery plan and reactor operator licensing is funds appropriated for the nuclear data link. Sufficient FY 1981 funds (\$800,000) will remain, however, to initiate our NDL prototype program. We currently estimate that this program will cost a total of \$1,000,000.

The details of these reprogramming actions are included in the enclosure.

In order to implement these high priority efforts, we would appreciate your early consideration of these proposed reprogrammings.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hendrie  
Chairman

Enclosure:  
As Stated

cc: Sen. Gary Hart

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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Requested Reprogramming Actions  
(Dollars in Thousands)

1. To fund the October 1, 1980 pay raise as a result of current Congressional action to delete the pay raise supplemental for NRC.

<u>To:</u>	Office of Nuclear Regulatory Regulation (NRR)	\$ 690
	Office of Standards Development (SD)	140
	Office of Inspection and Enforcement (IE)	880
	Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS)	250
	Office of Nuclear Reactor Research (RES)	160
	Program Technical Support (PTS)	160
	Program Direction and Administration (PDA)	<u>470</u>
		\$2,750
<u>From:</u>	FY 1980 Unobligated Carryover	\$2,485
	Deobligations of Prior-Year Funds in FY 1981	<u>205</u>
		\$2,750

NRC's FY 1980 unobligated carryover totaled \$11,996,000. Of this amount, \$5,000,000 was used to fund programs in FY 1981 approved by the Appropriations Committees for which FY 1981 appropriations were not provided and \$4,489,000 was used to fund FY 1980 commitments, leaving a remaining balance of \$2,485,000.

The deobligation of prior-year funds occurs when old contracts, work orders, travel authorizations, purchase orders, etc. are completed and closed out and in many cases, the obligated amount exceeded the actual cost incurred.

2. To fund the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation's Licensing Recovery Plan and accelerate efforts in implementing NRC's revised and more comprehensive procedures for licensing reactor operators and conducting annual requalification examinations.

<u>To:</u>	NRR	
	A. Licensing Recovery Plan	\$3,990
	B. Accelerate Efforts for Operator Licensing	<u>1,130</u>
		\$5,120

<u>From:</u> NRR - Excess funds in support of Congressional initiative for HTGR preapplication review as no application is expected to be tendered in FY 1981 or FY 1982.	\$ 800
IE - Reduce Nuclear Data Link funding based on current Congressional Action on NRC's FY 1982 Authorization Bill.	2,165
NMSS - Excess funds due to lower than anticipated number of license applications in Uranium Recovery Licensing.	380
PDA - Projected several small underruns.	205
Deobligations of Prior-Year funds in FY 1981	<u>1,570</u>
	\$5,120