



FY 2026 Congressional Budget Justification Summary

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



NRC's FY 2026 Budget Request supports:

- NRC's mission to protect public health and safety and advance the nation's common defense and security by enabling the safe and secure use and deployment of civilian nuclear energy technologies and radioactive materials through efficient and reliable licensing, oversight, and regulation for the benefit of society and the environment.
- The NRC is working to adhere to the administration's agenda by prioritizing the following:
 1. Sustaining and supporting the operating fleet
 2. Enabling deployment of new and advanced technologies and fuel cycles
 3. Deregulation, reducing regulatory burden, and ensuring accountability
 4. Reducing government resource expenditures
 5. Implementing ADVANCE Act activities



Budget Request Summary

Major Program	FY 2025 Enacted		FY 2026 Request		Changes from FY 2025	
	\$K*	FTE	\$K*	FTE	\$K*	FTE
Nuclear Reactor Safety	484,861	1,792	502,269	1,687	17,408	(105)
Nuclear Materials and Waste Safety	141,903	477	141,406	461	(497)	(16)
Corporate Support	301,554	588	309,025	576	7,471	(12)
Subtotal	\$928,318	2,858	\$952,700	2,724	\$24,382	(134)
Office of the Inspector General	15,769	63	18,795	68	3,026	5
Agency Total	\$944,087	2,921	\$971,495	2,792	\$27,408	(129)

- Notes:
- \$K includes salaries and benefits as well as contract support and travel. Numbers may not add due to rounding.
 - Consistent with the "Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025", FY 2025 Enacted is equivalent to the FY 2024 Enacted Budget excluding authorized carryover.

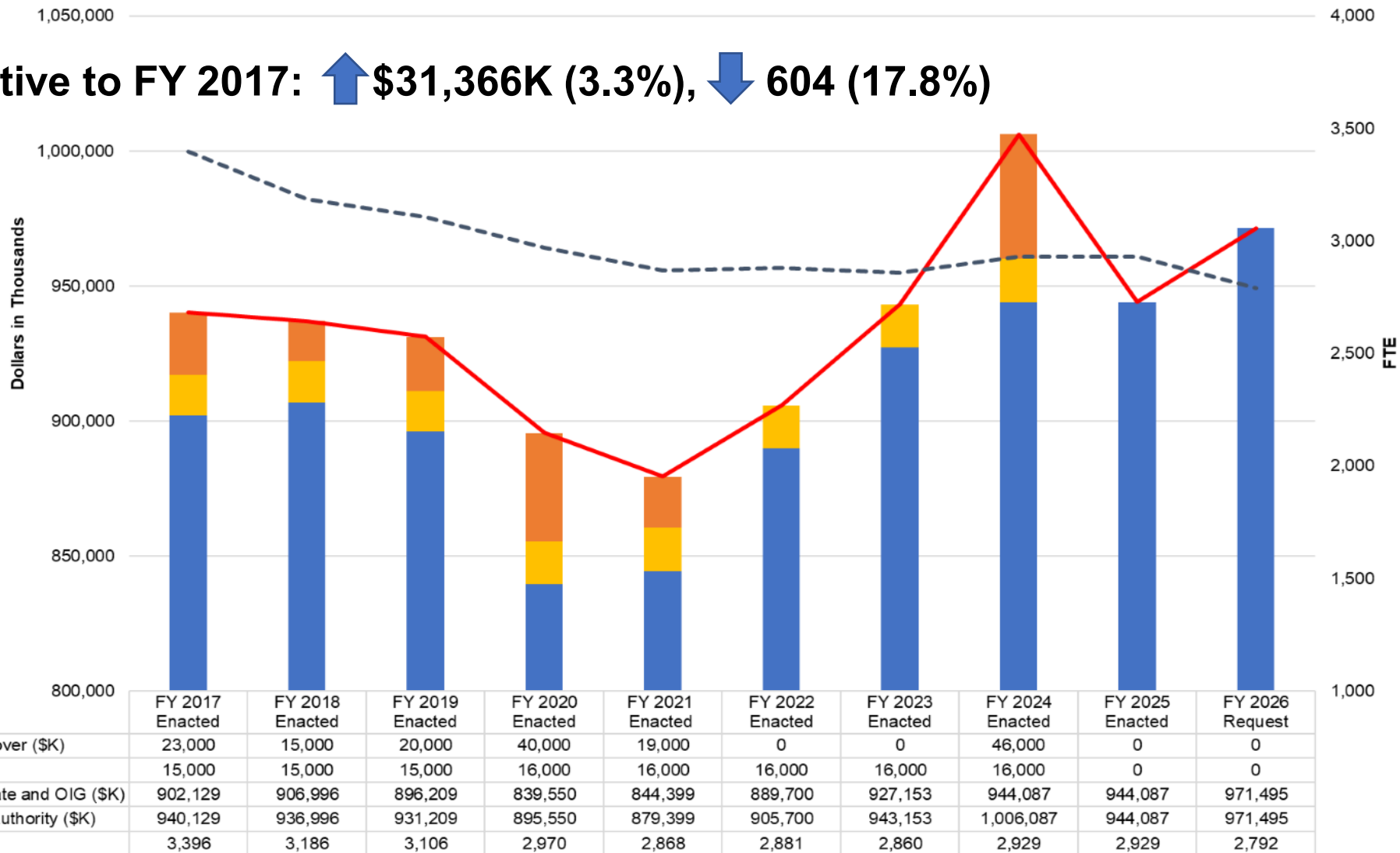
Gross BA: ↑ \$27,408K (2.9%), ↓ 129 FTE (4.4%)



Budget Request Trend

(Includes Office of the Inspector General)

Total Relative to FY 2017: ↑ \$31,366K (3.3%), ↓ 604 (17.8%)



Notes:

- Program, Corporate, and OIG totals do not include applied authorized carryover mandated by Congress.
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Net Budget Authority

NRC Appropriation	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Request	Changes from FY 2025
	\$K	\$K	\$K
Salaries and Expenses (S&E)			
Budget Authority	928,318	925,700	24,382
Offsetting Fees	794,342	804,510	10,168
Net Appropriated S&E	\$133,976	\$148,190	\$14,214
Office of the Inspector General (OIG)			
Budget Authority	15,769	18,795	3,026
Offsetting Fees	12,655	14,885	2,230
Net Appropriated OIG	\$3,114	\$3,910	\$796
Total NRC			
Budget Authority	944,087	971,495	27,408
Offsetting Fees	806,997	819,395	12,398
Total Net Appropriated	\$137,090	\$152,100	\$15,010

Notes:
- \$K includes FTE costs as well as contract support and travel. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Net BA:  **\$15,010K, 10.9%** 5



Composition of Net Budget Authority

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Request	Changes from FY 2025
	\$K	\$K	\$K
International Nuclear Export and Innovation Activities	0	2,230	2,230
Mission Indirect and Agency Support Allocation for Advanced Reactors Preapplication and Application Activities	0	19,614	19,614
Generic Homeland Security	13,657	14,393	736
Waste Incidental to Reprocessing	996	960	(36)
Advanced Reactors Regulatory Readiness	23,795	19,246	(4,549)
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board	1,520	1,572	52
Fee-Relief Activities (including full cost allocation)	97,121	94,085	(3,036)
Net Budget Authority	\$137,090	\$152,100	\$15,010

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- Fee-Relief Activities amount may vary in fee rule based on offsetting estimated receipts and small entity allowance. In addition to the fee-relief activities listed in the previous table, the FY 2025 amount includes an estimated full cost allocation of \$40,361K applied during the development of the fee rule and \$11,000K for the small entity adjustment.
- Full Cost Allocation Applied During Fee Rule Development reflects the estimated full cost allocation amount applied during the development of the fee rule.
- The NRC applies billing and carryover adjustments to the estimated fee recovery amount to account for the sum of unpaid current year invoices minus prior year invoices that will be paid in the budget request year from the FY 2024 (FY 2026 Projection) final fee rule.
- The Estimated Part 170 and 171 Fees amounts are based on the same percentage from the FY 2024 (FY 2026 Projection) final fee rule distribution of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR).



Nuclear Reactor Safety Highlights

Business Line	FY 2025 Enacted		FY 2026 Request		Changes from FY 2025	
	\$K*	FTE	\$K*	FTE	\$K*	FTE
Operating Reactors	400,911	1,498	413,666	1,372	12,755	(126)
New Reactors	83,950	294	88,603	315	4,653	21
Nuclear Reactor Safety Total	\$484,861	1,792	\$502,269	1,687	\$17,408	(105)

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Operating Reactors

Major Increases

- Specialized construction costs associated with the Three White Flint North relocation project, includes specialized design and construction activities that support the program and necessary to comply with security, resilience, and communication requirements
- Enhancements to continuity of operations
- Information technology investments in equipment, software, and security and privacy tools

Major Decreases

- Licensing workload reductions coupled with ADVANCE Act licensing efficiencies
- Rulemaking resources are reduced reflecting completion of key milestones and planned phase-out of certain rulemaking activities

New Reactors

Major Increases

- Preapplication review activities which also includes increases for influx of new entities in response to the ADVANCE Act as well as potential future large light-water reactor preapplication activities
- Technical reviews of 10 CFR Part 50 Construction Permit applications

Major Decreases

- Advanced reactor readiness research activities
- New and advanced reactor rulemaking activities reflecting completion of the Emergency Preparedness for SMRs and Other New Technologies final rule as well as anticipated less resources needed for upcoming work



Nuclear Materials and Waste Safety Highlights

Business Line	FY 2025 Enacted		FY 2026 Request		Changes from FY 2025	
	\$K*	FTE	\$K*	FTE	\$K*	FTE
Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation	28,202	97	26,315	90	(1,887)	(7)
Nuclear Materials Users	65,275	205	64,349	198	(926)	(7)
Decommissioning and Low-Level Waste	24,688	92	27,933	94	3,245	2
Fuel Facilities	23,737	84	22,809	79	(928)	(5)
Nuclear Materials and Waste Safety Total	\$141,903	477	\$141,406	461	(\$497)	(16)

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Major Increases

- Licensing actions for operating uranium recovery facilities and decommissioning of power reactors
- Maintenance and operation of the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System, a national database for special nuclear material reporting to fulfill domestic requirements and international agreements
- Licensing activities for certification actions for transportation of microreactors
- Legal casework related to materials reviews

Major Decreases

- Workforce right-sizing
- Licensing of nuclear materials users
 - Including the anticipated completion of approximately 1,260 materials licensing actions
- Regional support of licensing new applications, amendments and other activities
- Environmental reviews for routine license amendments and renewals, complex license amendments associated with major modifications of existing fuel cycle facilities, and new fuel cycle facility license applications



Corporate Support Highlights

Product Line	FY 2025 Enacted		FY 2026 Request		Changes from FY 2025	
	\$K*	FTE	\$K*	FTE	\$K*	FTE
Acquisitions	14,895	47	15,167	44	272	(3)
Administrative Services	71,358	71	76,754	73	5,396	2
Financial Management	35,122	93	37,464	93	2,342	0
Human Resource Management	24,147	48	20,234	45	(3,913)	(4)
IT/IM Resources	113,365	175	115,635	166	2,270	(9)
Outreach	6,247	15	4,465	15	(1,782)	0
Policy Support	32,321	127	35,113	129	2,792	3
Training	4,099	12	4,193	11	94	(1)
Corporate Support Total	\$301,554	588	\$309,025	576	\$7,471	(12)

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30.0% of total agency budget

Major Increases

- 3WFN Relocation Project; continuing efforts to modernize Information Technology; and improve outcomes through Federal IT spending transparency

Major Decreases

- IT operations and maintenance costs; end-user support services; and release of one floor at NRC headquarters



Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act Requirements

- **Estimated Operating Power Reactors Annual Fee Per Licensee**
 - \$5,540K per licensee (assumes 95 operating power reactors)
 - \$1,141K less than FY 2015 annual fee per licensee, adjusted for inflation (\$6,681K)
- **Requested Activities**
 - \$81,475K, including 314 FTE
 - Approximately 56% of the agency's estimated 10 CFR Part 170 fees to be assessed for FY 2027 is attributed to requested activities



Summary

- The NRC's FY 2026 budget request reflects resources necessary to accomplish mission critical activities related to safety and security in the Nuclear Reactor Safety Program and the Nuclear Material and Waste Safety Program.
- The NRC's FY 2026 budget request reflects the agency's efforts to comply with the corporate support cap of the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy Act of 2024 to the maximum extent practicable.

