



UNITED STATES  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

July 24, 2025

The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Guthrie:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am providing the June 2025, monthly status of the NRC activities, and use of unobligated carryover funds appropriated from the Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF). The enclosure provides the NWF expenditures in June 2025, consistent with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit's decision in *In re Aiken County* regarding the licensing process for the U.S. Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain license application. During this reporting period, the NRC provided limited program planning and support activities.

Please feel free to contact me at 301-415-1776 if you have questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "E. Dacus".

Eugene Dacus, Director  
Office of Congressional Affairs

Enclosure:  
As stated

cc: Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.

Identical letter sent to:

The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
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cc: Representative Frank Pallone, Jr.

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito  
Chairman, Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
cc: Senator Sheldon Whitehouse

The Honorable Cynthia Lummis  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate,  
and Nuclear Innovation and Safety  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
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cc: Senator Mark Kelly

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
cc: Representative Rosa DeLauro

The Honorable John Kennedy  
Chair, Subcommittee on Energy  
and Water Development  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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cc: Senator Patty Murray

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**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Nuclear Waste Fund Expenditures  
June 2025**

During the month of June 2025, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) expended \$376 of Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF) funds on its actions in direct response to the U.S. Court of Appeals decision. Cumulative expenditures since the August 13, 2013, decision are \$13,340,597. The August 13, 2013, balance of \$13,549,315 of unexpended NWF funding, less the cumulative expenditures, results in a remaining unexpended balance of \$208,718. Table 1 provides further details on the NRC's expenditure of NWF funds since August 13, 2013.

<b>Table 1 Status of NRC NWF Funds since the August 13, 2013, Court Decision</b>			
<b>Yucca Mountain Licensing Activities</b>	<b>Cost Estimate</b>	<b>June Expenditures</b>	<b>Cumulative Expenditures</b>
Completion of the safety evaluation report (SER)	\$8,310,000	\$0	\$8,364,877
Loading of Licensing Support Network documents into a nonpublic Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) library	\$350,000	\$0	\$277,670
Loading of Licensing Support Network documents into a public ADAMS library	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$1,142,745
Development of the Environmental Impact Statement supplement	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$1,579,256
SER wrap-up activities	\$100,000	\$0	\$53,548
Knowledge management reports (fiscal year (FY) 2017)	\$700,000	\$0	\$659,719
Knowledge management (FY 2021)	\$164,000	\$0	\$124,177
Program planning and support		\$376	\$534,504
Response to the August 30, 2013, Commission order		\$0	\$137,518
Federal court litigation*		\$0	\$268,974
Support and advice in NRC proceedings		\$0	\$106,922
Subtotal, other support costs chargeable to NWF funds	\$825,000	\$376	\$1,047,918
Virtual meeting of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel and information-gathering about potential adjudicatory hearing venues	\$135,000	\$0	\$104,448
Adjustments to close out contracts funded by previous NWF appropriations		\$0	(\$13,761)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,684,000</b>	<b>\$376</b>	<b>\$13,340,597</b>

\*Includes a \$59,000 expenditure in May 2014, for the agency's agreement to settle the Equal Access to Justice Act claim of one of the *Aiken County* petitioners. On October 23, 2014, the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit denied the motion from other parties requesting reimbursement for attorneys' fees.

At this time, all Commission directed activities have been completed.

**Enclosure**