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NRC Proposes FY 2015 Budget to Congress;
Detailed Budget Slides Available

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has requested $1,059.5 million (including the Office of the Inspector General) in its Fiscal Year 2015 budget proposal to Congress to regulate nuclear power plants and users of nuclear materials to protect people and the environment. The budget represents a slight increase of $3.6 million from the enacted 2014 budget. However, because the fees the NRC charges licensees are sent directly to the Treasury, the net appropriation requested is actually $124.2 million, which is $1 million less than in the previous year.

"This budget request will allow the NRC to continue to fulfill its vital safety and security mission on behalf of the American people," said NRC Chairman Allison Macfarlane.

The FY 2015 budget breakout includes $815.2 million for nuclear reactor safety and $232.2 million for nuclear materials and waste. The budget also includes resources to continue lessons-learned activities related to the Fukushima nuclear accident, including seismic and flooding reevaluations.

The budget reflects an increase of 66.8 full-time equivalent employees, in comparison to the FY 2014 enacted budget. The FY 2015 budget funds 3,881.8 full-time equivalent employees, including the Office of the Inspector General.

Included in the budget request is $12.1 million for the Office of the Inspector General, which independently and objectively conducts audits and investigations to ensure the efficiency and integrity of NRC programs, and to promote cost-effective management. The Office of the Inspector General's budget also includes funding to provide Inspector General services for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

The budget briefing slides are available on the NRC website. The NRC Congressional Budget Justification will be available by March 11th. A limited number of hard copies of the report will be available from opa.resource@nrc.gov.