

**U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Nuclear Waste Fund Expenditures
December 2019**

During the month of December 2019, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) expended \$780 of Nuclear Waste Fund (NWF) funds on its actions in direct response to the court's decision. Cumulative expenditures since the August 13, 2013, U.S. Court of Appeals decision are \$13,118,118. The August 13, 2013, balance of \$13,549,315 of unexpended NWF funding, less the cumulative expenditures of \$13,118,118, results in a remaining unexpended balance of \$431,197. Total unobligated NWF funds remaining as of December 31, 2019, are \$405,246. Table 1 provides further details on the NRC's expenditure of NWF funds since August 13, 2013.

Table 1 Status of NRC NWF Funds since the August 13, 2013, Court Decision			
Yucca Mountain Licensing Activities	Cost Estimate	December Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
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	\$700,000	\$0	\$657,142
Program planning and support		\$780	\$508,612
Response to the August 30, 2013, Commission order		\$0	\$137,518
Federal court litigation*		\$0	\$268,974
Support and advice in NRC proceedings		\$0	\$37,089
Subtotal, other support costs chargeable to NWF funds	\$825,000	\$780	\$952,193
Virtual meeting of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP) 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)
Total	\$13,520,000	\$780	\$13,118,118

*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.

The unexpended NWF balance of \$431,197 includes \$25,951 of unexpended obligations. These unexpended obligations are primarily on contracts with the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses and on contracts related to the LSNARP virtual meeting.