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## **NRC PROPOSES FY 2014 BUDGET TO CONGRESS; DETAILED BUDGET JUSTIFICATION REPORT AVAILABLE**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has requested \$1.055 billion in its Fiscal Year 2014 budget proposal to Congress to regulate nuclear power plants and users of nuclear materials. The largely flat budget represents an increase of \$16.9 million over FY 2012, the last year in which Congress adopted an NRC budget. However, because fees are collected from licensees for NRC oversight, the actual cost to taxpayers is \$124.3 million, or \$4.3 million less than in FY 2012.

In FY 2013, the NRC is operating on a sequestered spending level of \$986 million.

“The NRC’s FY 2014 Congressional Budget Justification provides the resources necessary for the Commission to conduct an effective regulatory program in meeting our safety and security mission,” said NRC Chairman Allison Macfarlane.

Included in the budget request is \$11.1 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 FY 2014 budget breakout includes \$812.4 million for nuclear reactor safety and \$231.5 million for nuclear materials and waste safety. The Reactor Safety program budget increased by \$12.3 million from its FY 2012 levels primarily to support implementation of the Fukushima lessons learned recommendations. The Materials and Waste Safety program budget increased by \$4.4 million from its FY 2012 levels primarily for activities to update the Waste Confidence Rule. Both the Reactor Safety and Materials and Waste Safety program budgets include resources to support anticipated new facility licensing and construction activities. The NRC FY 2014 budget funds 3,919 full-time equivalent employees, reflecting a decrease of 57 full-time equivalent positions from the FY 2012 budget.

The detailed NRC Congressional Budget Justification report (NUREG-1100, Vol. 29) is available on the NRC [website](http://www.nrc.gov). The report provides information in addition to the FY 2014 budget briefing slides, which are also [posted](#). A limited number of hard copies of the report are available from [opa.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:opa.resource@nrc.gov).

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