U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Nuclear Waste Fund Expenditures May 2020

During the month of May 2020, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) expended \$2,859 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 \$13,122,090. The August 13, 2013, balance of \$13,549,315 of unexpended NWF funding, less the cumulative expenditures of \$13,122,090, results in a remaining unexpended balance of \$427,225. Total unobligated NWF funds remaining as of May 31, 2020, are \$421,705. 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	May 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	\$2,577	\$659,719
Program planning and support		\$282	\$510,007
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	\$282	\$953,588
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)
Total	\$13,520,000	\$2,859	\$13,122,090

^{*}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 \$427,225 includes \$5,520 of unexpended obligations. These unexpended obligations are on contracts with the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses. Expenditures under the knowledge management reports represent closeout costs for that activity.