

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

October 4, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO:

Office Directors and Regional Administrators

FROM:

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Chief Financial Officer

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Executive Director for Operations

SUBJECT:

GUIDANCE UNDER A FISCAL YEAR 2011 CONTINUING

RESOLUTION

On September 30, 2010, a Continuing Resolution (CR) through December 3, 2010, was signed into law. The purpose of this memorandum is to review and augment the earlier guidance on budget execution. The amount of funding available under a CR is determined by the annual CR legislation enacted by Congress. Funding availability is based on the previous fiscal year appropriated level augmented by unobligated carryover, as in past years. The NRC's FY 2011 budget request sustains agency's programs at approximately the same level as FY 2010, with the exception of the High-Level Waste Program. Therefore, offices should proceed to commit, obligate, and expend funds for ongoing activities to effectively use available resources during the CR.

Although the staff made improvements, we continue to emphasize the importance of effectively executing the agency budget by incrementally funding activities, as well as, preparing and moving procurement packages through the acquisition process with "subject to availability of funds" language, when appropriate, to expedite the award process when sufficient funds become available. Additionally, to maintain maximum flexibility, priority for funds for existing contract support activities should be allocated only to those activities that do not have sufficient forward funding.

As highlighted in the earlier guidance provided by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), CR funding will be provided based on the offices' needs as identified in their Funds Utilization Plans (FUP) submitted on August 6, 2010. Based on the office's FUPs, agency funding needs exceeded the funds available in the first quarter. As a result, we plan to provide offices with 60 percent of the requested funding for the period of the CR. Offices should advise OCFO of any significant mission critical needs as a result of the constrained funding.

During the CR period, new work that was not authorized and funded in FY 2010 should not be started in FY 2011. Offices should contact the OCFO prior to funding any questionable

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activities under the CR. In addition, contract awards for FY 2011 should be reflected in your Advance Procurement Plan (APP). It is important that offices processing contract documents consistent with their APPs/FUPs continue to focus on improved budget execution during the CR.

With respect to the High-Level Waste Program, the CR legislation does not include specific restrictions on spending funds. Therefore, the staff should continue its activities on the Yucca Mountain license application in accordance with the Commission's decisions on the FY 2011 budget using available Nuclear Waste Fund resources during the CR.

As we move forward, the OCFO will refine the CR plan and issue allowances for every CR period thereafter, until such time the agency receives its full appropriation/apportionment. After the agency receives its full-year appropriation/apportionment, this guidance will be rescinded and all normal budget execution operations will be resumed.

cc: PMDA/DRMA Directors

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