

**RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION TRUST FUND**

(Dollars in thousands)

	Perm. Pos.	FTE	Amount
2002 Obligations.....	...	...	\$171,550
2003 President's Budget Request.....	...	...	143,000
Decreases (see p. 29) .....	...	...	<u>-36,000</u>
2004 Current Services.....	...	...	107,000
Program Increases .....	...	...	<u>...</u>
2004 Request.....	...	...	<u>107,000</u>

	2003 President's Budget Reques			2004 Current Services			2004 Request			Program Improvements		
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<u>Comparison by activity and program</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Payment of Radiation Exposure claims.....	...	...	\$143,000	...	...	\$107,000	...	...	\$107,000	...	...	...

Program Description

Congress enacted a mandatory appropriation to fund the expenses of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Trust Fund in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2002 (P.L. 107-107). That Act capped the maximum appropriation for FY 2002 through FY 2011. The amount authorized for the Trust Fund in 2003 was \$143,000,000 and 2004 is \$107,000,000. The Department anticipates the 2004 mandatory appropriation will support the payment of more than 1,730 claims expected to be approved during the year.

Prior to enactment of P.L. 107-107, annual discretionary appropriations were requested for the Trust Fund.