

Memo

To: Vermont State Nuclear Advisory Panel Members
From: Joe Flynn, Director Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
Date: 12/5/2012
Re: Radiological Emergency Response Plan Funding Process

The special fund established in 20 V.S.A. § 38. Special funds is the primary source of support for planning, preparedness, and response operations in the event of an incident involving Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station. This memo outlines the process in which those funds are managed and allocated on a yearly basis.

The Vermont Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) is responsible for the administration and programmatic development of the RERP fund in coordination with parties involved with the support of the program (EPZ towns, regional planning commissions, state agencies and organizations, other offsite response organizations, and management of the nuclear plant). Annually EMHS presents a budget to the legislature of anticipated costs for the following fiscal year for approval. Below is the annual process for building the budget and allocating the funds.

- **August** – Local and state budget requests for the upcoming fiscal year due to EMHS
- **September** – Initial RERP budget drafted
 - Budget consists of proposed sub-grants (based on the applications received) as well as operating costs of the EMHS staff in support of the program
- Budget request follow-up and coordination between prospective sub-recipients, VY, and EMHS
 - Based on those requests, EMHS staff meet with the applicants to gain a full understanding of the requests as well as their applicability to the support of the program
 - Sub-recipients include towns, response organizations, regional planning commissions, and state agencies and organizations
- **October** – RERP budget finalized by EMHS
 - Based on the meetings with sub-recipients, EMHS makes a recommendation on the amount of funds to be allocated to each as needed to support the program and meet the needs defined in the plans
- **November** –EMHS budget (including RERP budget) submitted to Department of Public Safety
- **December** - Submission of the total DPS budget to the Department of Finance & Management
- **January** - Submission of State Budget to Legislature

- **June** – Budget award letters, sub-grants, and state agency MOUs issued for current fiscal year from EMHS to sub-recipients

Attached to this memo is the State Fiscal Year 14 RERP Fund Disbursement Policy. This policy further defines eligible applicants and expenditures as well as how the fund is administered. It is important to note that it is the responsibility of EMHS to make a recommendation on funding allocations based on the requirements set forth in the plans and the legislature has the final approval of the budget as presented.

Attachment:
FY 14 RERP Fund Disbursement Policy