

**RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION TRUST FUND**

(Dollars in thousands)

	Perm. <u>Pos.</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2001 Actuals.....	...	...	\$111,222
2002 Appropriation.....	...	...	172,000
2003 Current Services.....	...	...	143,000
Program Improvements .....	...	...	...
2003 Request.....	...	...	143,000

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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.....	...	...	\$172,000	...	...	\$143,000	...	...	\$143,000	...	...	...

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 appropriated for the Trust Fund in FY 2002 was \$172,000,000 and FY 2003 is \$143,000,000. The Department anticipates the FY 2003 mandatory appropriation will support the payment of the more than 2,100 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.