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# **Mission and Organizational Structure**

The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) provides medical benefits, compensation for lost-wages and rehabilitation services for job-related injuries and diseases sustained by private-sector workers in certain maritime and related employment. The LHWCA also extends benefits to dependents if any injury results in the worker's death. Generally, benefits are paid directly by private entities, either authorized self-insured employers or authorized insurance carriers (herein collectively referred to as carriers). Cases meeting the requirements of the LHWCA are paid from the LHWCA Special Fund (fund), which is financed primarily through employer carriers' annual assessments. In fiscal years (FY) 2018 and 2017, respectively, 3,107 and 3,287 injured workers and dependents received compensation benefits from the fund.

The reporting entity is the fund. The fund is administered by the Secretary of Labor who has delegated responsibility to the Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation (DLHWC). Thus, DLHWC has direct responsibility for administration of the fund. The fund supports the program mission by providing compensation and, in certain cases, medical care payments to employees disabled from injuries which occurred under the LHWCA or its extensions. The fund also extends benefits to dependents if any injury resulted in the employee's death.

Administrative services for operating the fund are provided by OWCP. Funding for these costs is primarily provided by federal appropriations to OWCP's Salaries and Expense account, which is not part of the fund. The fund reimburses OWCP for certain direct expenses associated with administrative support of the fund and for rehabilitation services provided to eligible claimants.

# **Financial Highlights**

The majority of the fund's revenue is generated through annual recurring assessments paid by self-insured employers and insurance carriers and in FY 2018 and FY 2017 totaled \$108,954,498 and \$116,003,401, respectively. Other sources of payments into the fund include fines and penalties levied under LHWCA, Sections 30(e) and 14(g), as well as payments of compensation by employers of \$5,000 under Section 44(c) (1) for each death case where there is no survivor entitled to the benefits, and interest payments on fund investments. Recoveries from audits conducted to determine proper assessment calculations were \$533,709 in FY 2018 and \$472,951 in FY 2017. The fund's costs of \$103,682,245 in FY 2018 remained relatively stable compared to the FY 2017 cost of \$106,056,140. Proceeds of the fund are used for payments under:

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Section 8(f) for second injury claims; Section 10(h) for initial and subsequent annual adjustments in compensation for permanent total disability or related death from injuries which occurred prior to the effective date of the 1972 LHWCA amendments; Sections 39(c) and 8(g) for the procurement of medical and vocational rehabilitation services for permanently disabled employees and to provide a maintenance allowance to workers undergoing rehabilitation; Section 18(b) for compensation to injured workers in cases of employer default; and Section 7(e) for the cost of certain medical examinations.

The fund's budgetary appropriations of \$107,889,607 in FY 2018 remained relatively stable compared to \$117,195,652 in FY 2017. Similarly, the fund's budgetary outlays of \$103,783,322 in FY 2018 remained relatively stable compared to \$108,228,801 in FY 2017.

# Performance Goals and Results

DLHWC's administration of the fund supports DOL's Strategic Goal 4 – Secure retirement, health, and other employee benefits and, for those not working, provide income security. This goal broadly promotes the economic security of workers and families. In particular, DLHWC's administration of the fund supports Strategic Goal 4 – Secure retirement, health, and other employee benefits and, for those not working, provide income security; and Outcome Goals 4.1, Facilitate return to work for workers experiencing workplace injuries or illnesses who are able to work and income and medical care for those who are unable to work; and 4.2, Ensure income support when work is impossible or unavailable. DOL plays a large role in ensuring that worker benefits are protected and that employers administer benefit programs in an appropriate way. DLHWC assists in meeting these outcome goals by ensuring sufficient funds are assessed to fund the benefit payments, and payments to the beneficiaries are made promptly. In FY 2018 and FY 2017, assessments were sufficient to cover the costs, and performance goals targeting the timeliness of initial claims processing and benefit delivery outcomes were achieved.

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# **Internal Controls**

The DLHWC's Branch of Financial Management, Insurance and Assessment is composed of four employees and one supervisor. It guards against unethical behavior by segregating duties and assigning roles to each function. Much of the oversight, evaluation, monitoring, control, and supervisory activity are face-to-face. Each of the district offices operates like the Branch of Financial Management, Insurance and Assessment.

Management communicates all procedural, policy, and operating goals to staff with a written procedure manual, e-mails, and frequent individual communications regarding changes, problems, and issues.

Statutes provide the formal standards where applicable, such as privacy statutes, cash handling procedures, and conflict of interest regulations. All codes, statutes, and regulations governing the conduct of federal employees apply to all DLHWC employees.

For cases paid by the Fund, a District Director or Administrative Law Judge issues a formal Compensation Order to identify the payee and set the amount. Five employees review each new case before making the payment to ensure accuracy.

# **Known Risks and Uncertainties**

The Fund is one of the largest payers of indemnity payments under LWHCA. Although there are approximately 548 authorized insurance carriers and self-insured employers, benefit payments are concentrated among relatively few. For example, the top ten carriers and self-insurers alone pay 65 percent of the total industry payments for indemnity, excluding fund payments. If a major carrier or self-insurer fails, the remainder would face substantially increased assessments.

There is no provision for reserving extra funds for future fund obligations as the fund is not liable for payments authorized by the LHWCA that exceed the money or property deposited in or belonging to the fund. Thus, the fund's cash requirements are reviewed twice a year through the assessment process in order to meet current expenses. If one or more of the largest payers became insolvent and was unable to pay their assessment obligations, temporary collection issues would result, necessitating special, unscheduled assessments or other actions to ensure the fund has sufficient liquid resources to pay claims liabilities as they come due.

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### Limitations of the Financial Statements

The following are limitations of the financial statements:

- The financial statements have been prepared to report the financial position and results of operations of the fund, pursuant to the requirements of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (Title 33, United States Code, Section 944(j)).
- While the statements have been prepared from the books and records of the fund in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for U.S. Government entities and the formats prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget, the statements are different from the financial reports used to monitor and control budgetary resources which are prepared from the same books and records.
- The statements should be read with the realization that they are for a component of the U.S. Government, a sovereign entity, that liabilities cannot be liquidated without the enactment of an appropriation, and that the payment of all liabilities other than for contracts can be abrogated by the sovereign entity.

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# **Inspector General's Report**

November 14, 2019

Julia Hearthway Director Office of Workers' Compensation Programs U.S. Department of Labor

# **REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) Special Fund (Fund), a fiduciary fund of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), which comprise the balance sheets as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of net cost, changes in net position, and budgetary resources for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

## Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, in accordance with the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and in accordance with Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 19-03, *Audit Requirements for Federal Financial* 

*Statements*. Those standards and OMB Bulletin No. 19-03 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the U.S. Department of Labor's Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act Special Fund as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, and its net costs, changes in net position, and budgetary resources for the years then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

# Other Matters

# Required Supplementary Information

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that the information in the Management's Discussion and Analysis be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audits of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

# OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, we considered the Fund's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. We did not test all internal controls relevant to operating objectives as broadly defined by the *Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act of 1982*.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies; therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness or significant deficiency.

# **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Fund's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests of compliance disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported herein under *Government Auditing Standards* or OMB Bulletin No. 19-03.

# Purpose of the Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

The purpose of the communication described in the Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards* section is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control or compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Elliot P. Lewis Assistant Inspector General for Audit

**Balance Sheets** 

September 30, 2018 and 2017

(in dollars)

Assets	2018	2017
Intra-governmental assets: Funds with U.S. Treasury (Note 2) Investments, net (Note 3) Treasury Interest Receivable	5 5,857 63,925,000 7,458	\$
Total intra-governmental assets	63,938,315	59,826,168
Accounts receivable, net (Note 4)	1,734,232	1,153,143
Total assets	65,672,547	\$ 60,979,311
Liabilities and Net Position		
Liabilities:		
Accrued benefits payable	2,540,620	2,663,497
Deferred revenue	26,804,342	28,538,864
Other liabilities (Note 5)	4,587,656	5,534,695
Total liabilities	33,932,618	36,737,056
Net position: Cumulative results of operations Total liabilities and net position	31,739,928 65,672,546	<u>24,242,255</u> \$\$

Statements of Net Cost Years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 (in dollars)

 2018
 2017

 Goal 4
 Gross Program Costs
 \$ 103,682,245
 \$ 106,056,140

 Net Cost of Operations
 \$ 103,682,245
 \$ 106,056,140

Strategic Goal 4: Secure retirement, health, and other employee benefits and, for those not working, provide income security.

Statements of Changes in Net Position Years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

(in dollars)

	-	2018	 2017
Cumulative results of operations, beginning Budgetary financing sources:	\$	24,242,255	\$ 15,270,721
Non-exchange revenues (Note 1i): Interest		621,052	224,747
Payments under Sec. 44(c)(i)		30,000	50,000
Fines and penalties (Sec. 30(e) & 14(g))		16,333	19,257
Audit Recoveries		533,709	472,951
Assessments		108,954,498	116,003,401
Benefit payments from defaulted carrier bals.	-	1,024,326	 
Total non-exchange revenues		111,179,918	116,770,356
Transfers in/out without reimbursement (Note 6)	-	_	 (1,742,682)
Total financing sources		111,179,918	115,027,674
Net cost of operations	_	(103,682,245)	 (106,056,140)
Net change	_	7,497,673	 8,971,534
Net position, end of period	\$	31,739,928	\$ 24,242,255

Statements of Budgetary Resources

Years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017

(in dollars)

		2018	2017
Budgetary Resources:			
Unobligated balance from prior year budget authority, net October 1 (mandatory)	\$	57,161,075 \$	47,904,079
Appropriations (mandatory)		107,889,607	117,195,652
Total budgetary resources	\$_	165,050,682 \$	165,099,731
Status of Budgetary Resources: New obligations & upward adjustments (total) (Note 7 & 8) Unobligated balances, end of year	\$	103,660,445 \$	107,938,656
Exempt from apportionment, unexpired accounts		61,390,237	57,161,075
Unobligated balance, end of year (total)		61,390,237	57,161,075
Total budgetary resources	\$	165,050,682 \$	165,099,731
Outlays, Net:			
Outlays, net (total) (mandatory) Agency outlays, net (mandatory)	\$_ \$_	103,783,322 \$ 103,783,322 \$	108,228,801 108,228,801

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# (1) Summary Of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies which have been followed in preparing the accompanying financial statements for the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) Special Fund (fund) are set forth below.

# (a) Reporting Entity

The fund was established by Title 33, United States Code, Section 944(j), when the LHWCA was enacted in 1927. The fund is currently administered by DOL, OWCP, and DLHWC. DLHWC has direct responsibility for administration of the fund. The fund offers compensation, and in certain cases, medical care payments to employees disabled from injuries which occurred on the navigable waters of the United States, or in adjoining areas used for loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. The fund also extends benefits to dependents if any injury resulted in the employee's death.

Prior to 1972, weekly and aggregate lifetime amounts of indemnity payments were capped at statutorily set limits. In 1972, the benefit scheme was radically altered by eliminating the aggregate limit and tying weekly indemnity payment amounts to the national average weekly wage which is recalculated each year. In order to equalize benefits payable for pre-1972 cases, LHWCA Section 10(h) established a one-time increase, as well as annual benefit increases for pre-1972 cases entitled to compensation for permanent total disability or death. Fifty percent of this annual benefit increase for pre-1972 compensation cases is paid by the fund through annual assessment. The remaining fifty percent is paid by the separate Federal Employees' Compensation Act's Special Benefit Fund through federal appropriations.

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# (b) Basis of Accounting and Presentation

In FY 2018, OWCP implemented FASAB Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standard (SFFAS) 47, "Reporting Entity," with related guidance from the Treasury Financial Manual (TFM), Volume 1, Part 2, Chapter 4700, "Agency Reporting Requirements for the Financial Report of the United States Government," and OMB Circular No. A-136. SFFAS 47 and the related guidance required, among other things, that the Fund (1) be defined as a sub-component reporting entity within the larger component reporting entity of the U.S. Department of Labor, and (2) consolidate into its financial statements those entities defined according to (a) SFFAS 47 requirements for administrative assignment based on budgetary and accountability criteria and (b) Treasury determinations. Based on these requirements, OWCP determined that there were no additional entities to include in or entities to exclude from the FY 2018 presentations of the Fund's financial statements and related notes.

These financial statements present the financial position, net cost of operations, changes in net position and budgetary resources of the fund, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and the form and content requirements of OMB Circular A-136, Financial Reporting Requirements. These financial statements have been prepared from the books and records of the fund. These financial statements are not intended to present, and do not present, the full cost of the LHWCA Program (Program). In addition to the fund costs presented in these statements, the full cost of the Program would include certain direct costs of OWCP in the form of salaries and expenses for administration of the Program and allocated costs of OWCP and other DOL agencies incurred in support of the Program. The full cost of the Program is included in the DOL consolidated financial statements and related notes. The fund is considered a fiduciary activity of DOL and is properly disclosed and reported in the consolidated financial statements of DOL as a fiduciary fund. Accordingly, the fiduciary assets and liabilities are not recognized on the consolidated balance sheet. The fund is described in Note 1 under Reporting Entity and in Note 22, Schedule of Fiduciary Activity of DOL's consolidated financial statements and related notes.

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles encompass both accrual and budgetary transactions. Under accrual accounting, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when a liability is incurred. Budgetary accounting facilitates compliance with legal constraints on, and controls over, the use of Federal funds. These financial statements are

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different from the financial reports, also prepared by management pursuant to OMB directives, used to monitor the fund's use of budgetary resources.

# (c) Funds with Treasury

The fund's cash receipts and disbursements are processed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury (Treasury). Funds with Treasury represent obligated balances available to pay current liabilities and finance authorized purchase commitments.

## (d) Investments, Net

Investments in U.S. Government securities are reported at cost, net of unamortized premiums or discounts, which approximate market value. Premiums or discounts are amortized on a straight-line basis, which approximates the effective interest method. The fund's intent is to hold investments to maturity, unless they are needed to finance claims or otherwise sustain the operations of the fund. No provision is made for unrealized gains or losses on these securities because they are held to maturity. A portion of these investments is available for payment of compensation and medical benefits to covered employees of the defaulted insurance carriers or self-insured employers.

# (e) Accounts Receivable, Net

The amounts due as receivables are stated net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. The allowance is estimated based on past experience in the collection of the receivables and an analysis of the outstanding balances. Accounts receivable comprise assessments receivable and the fund's benefit overpayments made to individuals primarily from amended compensation orders and corrections of payment computations.

# (f) Accrued Benefits Payable

The fund provides compensation and medical benefits for work-related injuries to workers in certain maritime employment. The fund recognizes a liability for disability benefits payable to the extent of unpaid benefits applicable to the current period. Ultimate responsibility for payment of such claims rests with the employer organizations.

# (g) Other Liabilities

Other liabilities primarily consist of a carrier deposit due to the District of Columbia Workmen's Compensation Act Special Fund (DCCA Fund) and

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amounts received by the fund from defaulted employers which are being held as security by authority of Section 32 of LHWCA. These funds and investments are available for compensation and medical benefits to covered employees of the defaulted companies. In accordance with 20 CFR 703, once the fund, within its discretion, determines amounts seized from a carrier are no longer needed, it must return the funds to the insolvent carrier's estate. As a result, the fund reports these amounts as a liability until the related benefits are paid. Management estimates that these funds and investments held will be sufficient to cover the future benefits associated with the covered employees.

Also included in other liabilities are assessment overpayments by carriers which are to be refunded at the carriers' request or applied to reduce future assessments.

### (h) Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue represents the unearned assessment revenue as of September 30. The annual assessments cover a calendar year, and accordingly, the portion extending beyond September 30 has been deferred.

### (i) Non-exchange Revenue

Non-exchange revenues arise from the federal government's power to demand payments from and receive donations from the public.

The fund's primary source of revenue is annual assessments levied on insurance carriers and self-insured employers. Assessments are recognized as non-exchange revenue when due. In the case of amounts received by the fund from defaulted carriers which are being held as security by authority of Section 32 of LHWCA, revenue is recognized at the time benefits are paid. In FY 2018, OWCP is presenting revenue related to defaulted carriers as a separate line item on the Statement of Changes in Net Position instead of including it with the assessment revenue. The fund also receives interest on fund investments and on federal funds in the possession of non-federal entities. The fund also receives revenue from fines and penalties assessed in accordance with various sections of LHWCA.

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### (2) Funds with Treasury

Funds with Treasury at September 30, 2018 and 2017 consisted of cash deposits of \$5,857 and \$573, respectively. These cash deposits at September 30, 2018 and 2017 included \$308 and \$247, respectively, which are being held as security by authority of Section 32 of LHWCA. These funds relate to the default of self-insured employers, and are available for payment of compensation and medical benefits to covered employees of the defaulted companies.

Funds with U.S. Treasury at September 30, 2018, consisted of the following:

<u>(In Dollars)</u>	Unobligated Balance Available	Unobligated Balance Unavailable	Obligated Balance Not Yet Disbursed	Total Entity Assets	Non-entity Assets Total	
Trust Fund	\$	\$	\$ 5,857	5,857	\$_5,857	_

Funds with U.S. Treasury at September 30, 2017 consisted of the following:

	Unobligated	Unobligated				
	Balance	Balance	Balance Not	Total	Non-entity	
<u>(In Dollars)</u>	Available	Unavailable	Yet Disbursed	Entity Assets	Assets	Total
Trust Fund	\$		\$ 573	573	\$	573

## (3) Investments, Net

Investments at September 30, 2018 and 2017 consisted of the following:

		Septembe	r 30, 2018	
<u>(In Dollars)</u>	Face Value	Premium (Discount)	Net Value	Market Value
Intragovernmental securities: Non-marketable:				
Par value	\$63,925,000		63,925,000	\$ 63,925,000
		Septembe	r 30, 2017	
	Face	Premium	Net	Market
<u>(In Dollars)</u>	Value	(Discount)	Value	Value
Intragovernmental securities: Non-marketable:				
Par value S	\$ 59,824,000		59,824,000	\$59,824,000

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Investments of \$4,583,800 and \$5,530,900 at September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, are restricted assets that are being held as security by authority of Section 32 of LHWCA for compensation and medical benefits to covered employees of defaulted carriers. Investments at September 30, 2018 and 2017, consist of overnight securities. Investments at September 30, 2018, bear an interest rate of 2.10 percent compared to an interest rate of 0.96 percent at September 30, 2017. Interest rates on securities bought and sold during FY 2018 ranged from 0.94 percent to 2.12 percent compared to 0.17 percent to 1.30 percent for FY 2017.

# (4) Accounts Receivable, Net

Accounts receivable at September 30, 2018 and 2017, consisted of the following:

	•	·	2018	
<u>(In Dollars)</u>	-	Gross Receivables	Allowance	Net Receivables
Entity assets:				
Benefit overpayments Assessments receivable	\$	710,127 1,268,827	(235,206) (9,516)	\$ 474,921 1,259,311
	\$	1,978,954	(244,722)	\$ 1,734,232
			2017	
(In Dollars)	-	Gross Receivables	Allowance	 Net Receivables
Entity assets:				
Benefit overpayments Assessments receivable	\$	706,345 665,939	(215,834) (3,307)	\$ 490,511 662,632
	\$	1,372,284	(219,141)	\$ 1,153,143

Assessments receivable represent the unpaid annual assessments. Accounts receivable from benefit overpayments to claimants arise primarily from amended compensation orders and corrections of payment computations. These receivables are being primarily recovered by partial withholding of benefit payments, to the extent possible.

## (5) Other Liabilities

Other liabilities at September 30, 2018 and 2017 consisted of the following:

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2017
3,548
5,530,900
247
5,534,695
5,534,695

Assessment overpayments by carriers are to be refunded upon request or applied to reduce future assessments. The entire balance is considered a current liability.

Defaulted employer liability relates to cash and investments held by the Fund which are being held as security by authority of Section 32 of LHWCA. These funds and investments are available for compensation and medical benefits to covered employees of the defaulted companies. Management estimates that these funds and investments held will be sufficient to cover the future benefits associated with the covered employees. The current portions of the defaulted carrier liability for FY 2018 and FY 2017 are \$1,885,332 and \$1,720,015, respectively.

## (6) Transfers to OWCP

The fund reimburses OWCP (a related entity within DOL) for rehabilitation services provided to eligible claimants and certain direct expenses associated with administrative support of the fund. Approved transfers to OWCP were \$2,177,000 in both FY 2018 and FY 2017. Transfers are made from the fund in accordance with Sections 39(c), 44(d), and 44(j) of LHWCA.

Beginning in FY 2017, OWCP changed how it records these transfers from a Transfer In/Out Without Reimbursement to an Expense. Therefore, the \$2,177,000 is included in Net Cost instead of on the Statement of Changes in Net Position. The \$1,742,682 in FY 2017 represents funds transferred between the Longshore Trust Fund and the DCCA Trust Fund for benefits paid from Lumbermen's seized securities.

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### (7) Status of Budgetary Resources

### (a) Apportionment Categories of Obligations Incurred

New obligations and upward adjustments reported on the Combined Statement of Budgetary Resources in FY 2018 and FY 2017 consisted of the following:

<u>(In Dolla</u> rs)	2018 2017
Direct obligations: Exempt from apportionment	\$ <u>103,660,445</u> \$ <u>107,938,65</u> 6

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## (b) Explanation of Differences Between the Statement of Budgetary Resources and the Budget of the United States Government

A reconciliation of budgetary resources, obligations incurred, and outlays, as presented in the Statement of Budgetary Resources to amounts included in the Budget of the United States Government for the year ended September 30, 2017 is shown below:

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		2017		
(Dollars in Millions)	Budgetary Resources	-	Gross Outlays	
Stmt. of Budgetary Resources	\$ 165	\$ 108 \$	108	
Add: DCCA Stmt. of Budgetary Resources	13	8	8	
Less: Rounding Difference	(2)	(2)	(2)	
Total Statement of Budgetary Resources	176	114	114	
Budget of the United States Government	\$176	\$ <u>114</u> \$	114	

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# (8) Reconciliation of Budgetary Resources Obligated to Net Cost of Operations

	2018	2017
Obligations incurred	\$103,660,445	\$107,938,656
Total resources used to finance activities	103,660,445	107,938,656
Resources used to finance items not part of the		
net cost of operations		
Resources that funded expenditure transfers		(1,742,682)
Total resources used to finance items not part of the		
net cost of operations		(1,742,682)
Total Resources used to finance the		
net cost of operations	103,660,445	106,195,974
Components not requiring or generating resources:		
Refunds of Assessment Overpayments	-	(186,117)
Bad Debt Expense	25,582	96,512
Benefit Overpayments and Other	(3,782)	(50,229)
Total components of net cost of operations that will not		
require or generate resources in the current period	21,800	(139,834)
Net cost of operations	\$103,682,245	\$106,056,140

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