

# Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program

- August 2005 ➤ Energy Policy Act of 2005 signed into law [P.L. 109-58, 119 Stat. 922]
- November 2005 ➤ National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) released solicitation for a consortium to administer 3 program elements under Section 999A
- February 2006 ➤ Proposals received for program consortium solicitations
- May 2006 ➤ *Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee* (UDAC) and *Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee* (URTAC) chartered (Section 999D)
- June 2006 ➤ Program consortium selected
- January 2007 ➤ Contract with Research to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA) as the Program consortium goes into effect (calendar year contract)
- May 2007 ➤ UDAC and URTAC members appointed for 2007-2008
- June-July 2007 ➤ Advisory Committees meet to review 2007 Annual Plan and deliver written recommendations to the Secretary of Energy
- August 2007 ➤ 2007 Annual Plan published; DOE/Fossil Energy(FE) receives FY07 funds; RPSEA receives initial research funding
- October 2007 ➤ Program consortium releases initial request for proposals for the Small Producer Program Element and for the Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program Element
- November 2007 ➤ NETL Complementary Research Program receives initial funding
- November 2007 ➤ Program consortium releases initial request for proposals for the Ultra-Deepwater Program Element
- January 2008 ➤ Advisory Committees meet to review 2008 Annual Plan
- February 2008 ➤ 2007 Annual Plan transmitted to Congress
- February 2008 ➤ Program consortium selects 7 projects for Small Producer Program Element
- March 2008 ➤ Advisory Committees meet to complete review of 2008 Annual Plan and provide written recommendations; final report delivered to the Secretary
- March 2008 ➤ Program consortium selects 19 projects for the Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program Element
- May 2008 ➤ Program consortium selects initial 8 projects for Ultra-Deepwater Program Element
- June 2008 ➤ Technical Committee [Section 999H(d)(4)] determines that the NETL Complementary Research Program is not duplicative of the consortium-administered program

- June 2008 ➤ Fieldwork for audit completed
- July 2008 ➤ Advisory Committees renewal charters signed
- July 2008 ➤ Program consortium announces additional selections of 9 projects for Ultra-Deepwater Program Element
- August 2008 ➤ 2008 Annual Plan transmitted to Congress and published in the Federal Register
- August 2008 ➤ DOE/FE receives FY08 funds
- August 2008 ➤ Audit report received by DOE & GAO
- August 2008 ➤ UDAC & URTAC members appointed for 2008-2010
- September 2008 ➤ UDAC & URTAC meet to begin draft review of Draft 2009 Annual Plan
- October 2008 ➤ UDAC & URTAC meet to hear and discuss Subcommittee reports, determine final recommendations, and adjourn work on the Draft 2009 Annual Plan