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WORKING CAPITAL FUND

In FY 2006, the Agency begins its tenth year of operation of the Working Capital Fund (WCF). It is a revolving fund authorized by law to finance a cycle of operations, where the costs of goods and services provided are charged to users on a fee-for-service basis. The funds received are available without fiscal year limitation, to continue operations and to replace capital equipment. EPA's WCF was implemented under the authority of Section 403 of the Government Management Reform Act of 1994 and EPA's FY 1997 Appropriations Act. Permanent WCF authority was contained in the Agency's FY 1998 Appropriations Act.

The Chief Financial Officer initiated the WCF in FY 1997 as part of an effort to: (1) be accountable to Agency offices, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Congress; (2) increase the efficiency of the administrative services provided to program offices; and (3) increase customer service and responsiveness. The Agency has a WCF Board which provides policy and planning oversight and advises the CFO regarding the WCF financial position. The Board, chaired by the Associate Chief Financial Officer, is composed of eighteen permanent members from the program offices and the regional offices.

Two Agency Activities begun in FY 1997 will continue into FY 2006. These are the Agency's information technology and telecommunications operations, managed by the Office of Environmental Information, and Agency postage costs, managed by the Office of Administration. The Agency's FY 2006 budget request includes resources for these two Activities in each National Program Manager's submission, totaling approximately \$184.0 million. These estimated resources may be increased to incorporate program office's additional service needs during the operating year. To the extent that these increases are subject to Congressional reprogramming notifications, the Agency will comply with all applicable requirements. In FY 2006, the Agency will continue to market its information technology services to other Federal agencies in an effort to deliver high quality services external to EPA, which will result in lower costs to EPA customers.

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CARRYOVER AND OUTLAYS

By Appropriation Accounts Dollars in Millions

	2004		2005		2006	
APPROPRIATION	END OF YEAR CARRYOVER	NET OUTLAYS	END OF YEAR CARRYOVER	NET OUTLAYS	END OF YEAR CARRYOVER	NET OUTLAYS
STAG	\$1,453	\$3,904	\$1,443	\$3,592	\$1,217	\$3,722
B&F	\$4	\$37	\$3	\$38	\$3	\$41
EPM	\$255	\$2,167	1 \$298	\$2,171	\$247	\$2,319
SF	\$837	\$1,468	\$919	\$1,257	\$985	\$1,289
LUST	\$6	\$72	\$2	\$72	\$2	\$78
IG	\$13	\$35	\$12	\$37	\$11	\$38
OIL	\$57	\$11	\$53	\$12	\$58	\$15
S&T	\$269	\$731	\$253	\$746	\$300	\$806
WCF	\$11	\$4	\$10	\$15	\$36	\$2
TOTAL	\$2,906	\$8,429	\$2,993	\$7,940	\$2,859	\$8,310

¹ Includes \$3 million in discretionary outlays for Pesticide Registration Fund (020-00-5374) and \$15 million in receipts from Registration service fees (020-00-537410)

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