

RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION

Overview: The Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) serves to protect people and the environment from risks of hazardous materials transportation; foster transportation innovations through research, technology, education and training; and prepare the Nation's transportation system to aid people and property harmed by natural or terrorist disasters.

In FY 2005, RSPA's focus is on reducing hazardous materials pipeline transportation incidents managing the Department's transportation-related emergency response and recovery responsibilities and promoting the development of a hydrogen fuel infrastructure and standards for hydrogen vehicle fuel systems. RSPA also provides planning and training grants to States and Indian tribes to improve hazardous materials emergency preparedness. The FY 2005 request of \$137 million represents an increase of \$11 million, or 9 percent, from the FY 2004 enacted level.

RESEARCH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

(Dollars In Millions)

	2003 Actual	2004 Enacted	2005 Request
Research and Special Programs	40	46	53
Emergency Preparedness Grants	14	14	14
Pipeline Safety	<u>63</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>70</u>
TOTAL	118	126	137



FY 2005 Budget

Hazardous Materials Safety Program: The President's budget requests \$25 million, 8 percent (\$2 million) above the FY 2004 enacted level, to meet the performance goal of achieving no more than 503 serious hazardous materials incidents in 2005.

Emergency Preparedness Grants: The FY 2005 request provides \$14 million, the same level of funding as in FY 2004, for States to train hazardous materials responders and improve response plans.

Research and Technology: For RSPA's research programs the budget request totals \$3 million, the same as FY 2004, to improve DOT's Research and Development program, and to promote the safe transport of hydrogen fuels and fuel systems so that alternative-fuel vehicles can be developed as a safe alternative to petroleum-fueled vehicles. RSPA will be working with the Department of Energy to obtain \$1 million in reimbursable funding for this purpose.

Emergency Transportation Program: The FY 2005 budget requests \$4.3 million, a \$1.3 million increase from the FY 2004 enacted level. This increase is key to preparing the Nation's transportation system in advance to aid people and property harmed by natural or intentionally caused disasters. The improvement resulting from these additional FY 2005 resources will be measured by our transportation capability assessment for readiness (TCAR) score, which we hope to increase from 67 in FY 2004 to 80 in FY 2005.

Pipeline Safety: The budget requests includes \$70 million, 7 percent (\$4 million) above the FY 2004 enacted level, to meet the performance goals of holding serious pipeline incidents to no more than 295 in FY 2005 and reducing hazardous liquids spilled in pipelines to a level that equates to no more than 2.2 teaspoons for every 100 gallons shipped 3,000 miles coast-to-coast. The increases will continue implementation of our important integrity management safety protocols.

