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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Clears Fiscal 2009 Funding Legislation

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development today approved Fiscal Year 2009 funding legislation that addresses the energy security, infrastructure, and climate change challenges facing the nation. The bill seeks to provide critical investments that will help develop clean and alternative energy sources, and expand the use of domestic energy resources.

The FY 2009 bill would provide a total of \$33.258 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy (DOE). The Subcommittee legislation is \$1.9 billion over President Bush's budget request and nearly \$2.371 billion above the FY 2008 enacted level. The Subcommittee legislation would fund research in energy efficiency technologies, renewable energy, nuclear energy, and other energy activities.

“The Energy and Water Appropriations bill invests in our nation's energy development and our nation's infrastructure,” said Subcommittee Chairman Byron Dorgan (D-ND). “This bill is the result of a team effort to make fiscally responsible investments in two major areas that are critical to our nation's long-term success.”

“Once again this year, we have a strong Energy and Water Appropriations bill that increases national investment in critical energy technologies that will work to break our dependence on foreign oil. The legislation will help our nation develop alternative energy sources and strive to use existing resources more efficiently so they will be available for future generations,” said Senate Appropriations Chairman Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va.. “The legislation also provides an increase in resources to the Army Corps of Engineers to help care for our nation's most neglected infrastructure – much of which has been neglected for far too long in order to accommodate political, rather than national, priorities. I applaud Senator Dorgan for his leadership on this bill that moves our national energy policy in the right direction.”

Fiscal Year 2009 Energy and Water Development legislation highlights:

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$5.3 billion** for the Army Corps of Engineers. This level is **\$559 million** over the President's budget request.

- General Investigations would receive **\$166 million**, which is \$75 million over the budget request.

- Construction funding would receive more than **\$2.004 billion**, which is \$602.5 million over the budget request.
- The Mississippi River and Tributaries would receive **\$365 million**, which is \$125 million over the budget request.
- Operations and Maintenance would receive **\$2.220 billion**, which is \$9.8M over the adjusted base accounting for items that the Administration proposed in Operations and Maintenance which the Subcommittee funded in Construction.
- Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies would receive **\$40 million**, which is equal to the budget request. The funding would be used for readiness and Preparedness Activities.
- The Regulatory Program would receive **\$183 million**; which is \$3 million over the budget request. The additional funding would be used to reimburse local interests for work constructed with a Corps permit that was subsequently withdrawn.
- Formerly Utilized Sited Remedial Action Program would receive **\$140 million**, which is \$10 million over the budget request. The funding would be used to continue work on radiological cleanup.
- The Office of the Assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works would receive **\$4.5 million**, which is equal to the FY 2008 level.
- For General Expenses, the Corps would receive **\$177 million**, which is equal to the budget request (and includes funding for Corps oversight).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$1.13 billion** for the Department of the Interior. This level is **\$333 million** over the President's budget request.

- The Central Utah Project would receive **\$42 million**, which is equal to the budget request.
- The Bureau of Reclamation Water and Related Resources would receive more than **\$1.08 billion**, which is \$333 million over the budget request, to ensure that Reclamation can continue their mission of delivering water and power to the West.
 - The funding would include: \$50 million for Animas La-Plata; \$25 million for rural water in Montana; \$25.7M for Middle Rio Grande, including ESA and O&M issues, \$70 million for Garrison Diversion Unit; \$3M for Savage Rapides Dam, OR Removal; \$59M for rural water projects in SD.
- The Central Valley Project Restoration Fund would receive **\$56.079 million**, which is equal to the budget request.
- The California Bay-Delta Restoration would receive **\$42 million**, which is \$10 million over the budget request. The funding would address the competing demands on water in the Delta area of California for both environmental needs as well as for consumers.
- Policy and Administration would receive **\$59.4 million**, which is equal to the President's request.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$27.016 billion** for the Department of Energy. This level is **\$ 1.124 billion** over the President's budget request.

- Energy and Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs would receive more than **\$1.9 billion**, which is \$673M over request and \$206 million above FY 2008.
 - The funding includes \$50 million for competitive grants to tribes and localities for Renewable Energy/Zero Energy Demonstration projects; \$72 million increase over the budget request for Vehicles, of which \$51 million would be used for Advanced Battery Research for Plug-in Hybrids and \$15 million for intermediate ethanol blend testing in older automobiles.
 - \$10 million above the budget request for Wind technology, to assist industry with generation problems; \$6M above the budget request for the Electricity Delivery program budget to help with Wind transmission problems.
 - \$200 million to restore the Weatherization Program. The President did not request funding for this program.
- Electricity and Energy Reliability would receive **\$166.9 million**, which is \$32 million above the budget request and \$28 million over FY 2008. The funding would provide increased investment to support renewable energy integration into the electric transmission grid.
- Nuclear Energy would receive **\$803 million**, which is \$121 over the FY 2008 funding level.
 - The funding includes \$229 million, which is \$50 million above the FY 2008 level, for the Advance Fuel Cycle Initiative.
 - The funding includes \$15 million to establish a new university research program in nuclear technology.
- Fossil Energy would receive **\$876.73 million**, which is \$122 million over the request and \$133 million over FY 2008.
 - The funding includes \$149 million for Carbon Sequestration Research.
- The Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves would receive **\$19 million**, which is equal to the budget request.
- The Strategic Petroleum Reserve would receive **\$205 million**.
- The Energy Information Administration would receive **\$110.5 million**, which is equal the budget request.
- Non-Defense EM would receive **\$266.4 million**, which is \$53 million above the budget request.
- The Office of Science would receive more than **\$4.649 billion** which is \$623 million above FY 2008.
- The Yucca Mountain project would receive **\$386.4 million**, the same as current year funding.
- The bill would provide **\$380 million** to authorize the \$38.5 billion in loan guarantees.
- Weapons Activities would receive **\$6.524 billion**, which is \$227 million about FY 2008.
- Nuclear Nonproliferation would receive more than more than **\$1.909 million**. This includes a \$175 million increase over the budget request for

nonproliferation programs and a move of the MOX project's \$487 million from Other Defense Activities to the Nuclear Nonproliferation account.

- Defense Environmental Cleanup would receive more than **\$5.771 billion**, which is \$474 million above the budget request and \$422 above FY 2008.
 - The increased funding would enable programs to meet legal milestones that were at risk strictly because of budget shortfalls. In addition, the funding would keep more than 600 cleanup workers on the job.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The bill would provide **\$323.5 million** for infrastructure, health, transportation, and economic development programs for vulnerable regions of the nation. The funding level is \$55 million above the budget request. The funds would also help coordinate critical aid with other local and state agencies engaged in these efforts.
 - Appalachian Regional Commission ó **\$85 million**, which is \$20 million above the budget request.
 - Delta Regional Authority ó **\$20 million**, which is \$14 million above the budget request.
 - Denali Commission ó **\$21.8 million**, which is \$20 million above the budget request.
 - Nuclear Regulatory Commission ó **\$163 million**.

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