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Senate Appropriations Committee Clears Fiscal 2009 Funding Legislation

Washington, D.C. The U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee today approved Fiscal Year 2009 funding legislation that addresses the energy security, infrastructure, and climate change challenges facing the nation. The bill provides critical investments that will help develop clean and alternative energy sources, and expand the use of domestic energy resources.

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

"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 the Committee for working together to craft a responsible bill that moves our national energy and infrastructure policy in the right direction."

"I am pleased that the committee supported this fiscally responsible bill that makes investments in the future of the country," said Subcommittee Chairman Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "Today's action is a step towards additional investments in energy research and development, and it is a step toward investing in our water infrastructure."

Fiscal Year 2009 Energy and Water Development legislation highlights:

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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

- General Investigations receive **\$166 million**, which is \$75 million over the budget request.
- Construction funding receives more than **\$2.004 billion**, which is \$602.5 million over the budget request.

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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

- The Central Utah Project receives **\$42 million**, which is equal to the budget request.
- The Bureau of Reclamation Water and Related Resources receives 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 includes: \$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 receives **\$56.079 million**, which is equal to the budget request.
- The California Bay-Delta Restoration receives **\$42 million**, which is \$10 million over the budget request. The funding addresses the competing demands on water in the Delta area of California for both environmental needs as well as for consumers.
- Policy and Administration receives **\$59.4 million**, which is equal to the President's request.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The Committee legislation provides **\$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 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 receives **\$166.9 million**, which is \$32 million above the budget request and \$28 million over FY 2008. The funding provides increased investment to support renewable energy integration into the electric transmission grid.
- Nuclear Energy receives **\$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 receives **\$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 receives **\$19 million**, which is equal to the budget request.
- The Strategic Petroleum Reserve receives **\$205 million**.
- The Energy Information Administration receives **\$110.5 million**, which is equal the budget request.
- Non-Defense EM receives **\$266.4 million**, which is \$53 million above the budget request.
- The Office of Science receives more than **\$4.649 billion** which is \$623 million above FY 2008.
- The Yucca Mountain project receives **\$386.4 million**, the same as current year funding.
- The bill provides **\$380 million** to authorize the \$38.5 billion in loan guarantees.
- Weapons Activities receives **\$6.524 billion**, which is \$227 million about FY 2008.
- Nuclear Nonproliferation receives 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 receives more than **\$5.771 billion**, which is \$474 million above the budget request and \$422 million above FY 2008.
 - The increased funding enables programs to meet legal milestones that were at risk strictly because of budget shortfalls. In addition, the funding keeps more than 600 cleanup workers on the job.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The bill provides **\$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 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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