

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 14, 1999

The Speaker of the

House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed requests for FY 2000 budget amendments for the Departments of Energy (DOE) and Labor, and the Corps of Engineers.

The amendments include a proposal for \$72.0 million that would support enhanced security and safeguards within DOE facilitated by the establishment of two new corporately focused departmental offices. These new offices are the Office of Security and Emergency Operations and the Office of Independent Oversight and Performance Assurance. Offsets for this request are also contained in this transmittal.

The details of the requests are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William J. Clinton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent upward-pointing arrow above the letter 'i' in "Clinton".

Enclosure



THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

July 14, 1999

The President

The White House

Submitted for your consideration are budget amendments for FY 2000 for the Departments of Energy (DOE) and Labor, and the Corps of Engineers. As described below and in more detail in the enclosures, the request is offset by other proposals in the transmittal that would reduce several pending FY 2000 requests.

The amendments include a request for \$72.0 million for DOE that would enhance national security by creating two new corporately focused offices within the Department -- the Office of Security and Emergency Operations and the Office of Independent Oversight and Performance Assurance. Recent events indicate a need to strengthen DOE practices in critical national security areas related to the National Laboratories. With the creation of these two offices, adoption of new strategies, and additional funding, security issues will be more effectively addressed, coordinated, and evaluated across the DOE complex.

The proposal would support additional staffing for these two offices, including the salary of a new "Security Czar" with a senior level military background. Funding will also be used to: enhance cyber security; upgrade the clearance process for critical positions; strengthen site security and safety assessment processes; enhance armed security at headquarters with executive protection teams; and, acquire state-of-the-art expertise and equipment to identify and respond to the threatened use of weapons of mass destruction at DOE sites.

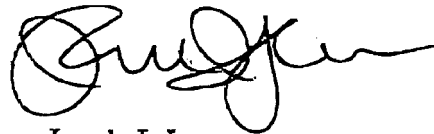
The increased funding is offset by reduction proposals contained in this transmittal and include the following:

- \$37.0 million from reductions in travel expenses of DOE contractors and other reductions. By implementing good management initiatives, the savings in contractor travel expenses can be accomplished without program impact.

- \$25.0 million from the Department of Labor's Right Track Partnership initiative. Since this is a new initiative, the reduction will not reduce existing services to disadvantaged youth.
- \$10.0 million from the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program of the Corps of Engineers. The reduction will not significantly impact program operations. The revised request is the same level of funding that the program received for the past two years.

I have carefully reviewed the need for additional funding for DOE and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary in recommending that you transmit these proposals to the Congress.

Sincerely,

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Jacob J. Lew
Director

Enclosures

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Bureau: ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES
Heading: Other Defense Activities
House Doc.
106-66 Page: 11
FY 2000
Pending Request: \$1,797,991,000
Proposed Amendment: \$65,024,000
Revised Request: \$1,863,015,000

This amendment includes a request for \$72.014 million to overhaul the Department of Energy's (DOE's) security management and oversight, improve counterintelligence and cyber-security, administer Department-wide cyber-threat training, and institute a zero-tolerance security policy. This will be accomplished through the new Office of Independent Oversight and Assurance and a new Office of Security and Emergency Operations. This increase in funding is partially offset by a reduction of \$3.190 million from the travel allowances of DOE contractors and other reductions of \$3.800 million. The reduction for contractor travel expenses is in addition to the \$2.600 million reduction to contractor travel expenses proposed in a previous amendment for this appropriation account transmitted on May 14, 1999. By implementing good management initiatives in contractor travel programs such as purchasing non-refundable tickets, eliminating marginal value trips, and adopting Government *per diem* rates, these savings can be accomplished without program impact. The net increase proposed in this amendment for this account is \$65.024 million.

The new Office of Independent Oversight and Assurance will report directly to the Office of the Secretary to ensure that any security problems can be quickly raised at the highest levels.

The new Office of Security and Emergency Operations will consolidate safeguards and security policy, cyber-security, and emergency operations functions that were previously spread throughout DOE. The components of this office will include the Office of Security Affairs, which will oversee all physical and personnel security and classification/declassification activities, the Chief Information Officer, the Office of Foreign Visits and Assignments Policy, and the Office of Plutonium, Uranium, and Special Material Inventory.

This amendment would increase FY 2000 outlays by \$42 million.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Bureau: ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES
Heading: Weapons Activities
House Doc.
106-66 Page: 9
FY 2000
Pending Request: \$4,524,900,000
Proposed Amendment: -\$16,965,000
Revised Request: \$4,507,935,000

This proposal would reduce the pending FY 2000 appropriations request by \$16.965 million for the travel allowances of Department of Energy contractors funded in this account. This reduction for contractor travel expenses is in addition to the \$6.100 million reduction to contractor travel expenses proposed in a previous amendment for this appropriation account transmitted on May 14, 1999. By implementing good management initiatives in contractor travel programs such as purchasing non-refundable tickets, eliminating marginal value trips, and adopting Government *per diem* rates, these savings can be accomplished without program impact.

This amendment would decrease FY 2000 outlays by \$10 million.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Bureau: ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES
Heading: Defense Environmental Restoration and Waste Management
House Doc.
106-66 Page: 10
FY 2000
Pending Request: \$4,511,976,000
Proposed Amendment: -\$5,325,000
Revised Request: \$4,506,651,000

This proposal would reduce the pending FY 2000 appropriations request by \$5.325 million for the travel allowances of Department of Energy contractors funded in this account. This reduction for contractor travel expenses is in addition to the \$2.400 million reduction to contractor travel expenses proposed in a previous amendment for this appropriation account transmitted on May 14, 1999. By implementing good management initiatives in contractor travel programs such as purchasing non-refundable tickets, eliminating marginal value trips, and adopting Government *per diem* rates, these savings can be accomplished without program impact.

This amendment would decrease FY 2000 outlays by \$4 million.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bureau: ENERGY PROGRAMS

Heading: Science

House Doc.
106-66 Page: 12

FY 2000
Pending Request: \$2,839,178,000

Proposed Amendment: -\$7,734,000

Revised Request: \$2,831,444,000

This proposal would reduce the pending FY 2000 appropriations request by \$7.734 million for the travel allowances of Department of Energy contractors funded in this account. This reduction for contractor travel expenses is in addition to the \$3.100 million reduction to contractor travel expenses proposed in a previous amendment for this appropriation account transmitted on May 14, 1999. By implementing good management initiatives in contractor travel programs such as purchasing non-refundable tickets, eliminating marginal value trips, and adopting Government *per diem* rates, these savings can be accomplished without program impact.

This amendment would decrease FY 2000 outlays by \$5 million.

Agency: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Bureau: EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION
Heading: Training and Employment Services
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FY 2000
Pending Request: \$5,499,798,000
Proposed Amendment: -\$25,000,000
Revised Request: \$5,474,798,000

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$5,499,798,000" and substitute \$5,474,798,000; and, delete "\$4,055,175,000" and substitute \$4,030,175,000.)

This amendment would reduce the amount requested for the Employment and Training Administration to implement the Right Track Partnership (RTP) initiative. The FY 2000 Budget originally requested \$100 million for this initiative to provide drop-out prevention services to in-school youth and encourage youth who have already dropped out to return to school. Since RTP is a new initiative, reducing the funding level in the first year will not reduce existing services to disadvantaged youth.

This proposal would decrease FY 2000 outlays by \$1 million.

Agency: CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Heading: Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program

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FY 2000
Pending Request: \$150,000,000

Proposed Amendment: -\$10,000,000

Revised Request: \$140,000,00

(In the appropriations language under the above heading, delete "\$150,000,000" the first time it appears and substitute \$140,000,000.)

This proposal would reduce the pending FY 2000 appropriations request for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) by \$10.0 million. This revised request for FUSRAP will provide the same level of funding in FY 2000 that the program received for the past two years. This reduction would not significantly impact program operations.

This amendment would decrease FY 2000 outlays by \$6 million.