



THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

February 24, 2012

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Members, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy

FROM: Committee Staff

RE: Hearing on "The FY 2013 EPA Budget"

On Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in room 2123 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittees on Energy and Power and on Environment and the Economy will hold a joint hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's budget for fiscal year 2013.

I. WITNESS

The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

II. BACKGROUND

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was established in 1970 to consolidate in one agency a variety of federal research, monitoring, standard-setting and enforcement activities to ensure environmental protection.¹ EPA's headquarters are located in Washington, D.C., and there are 10 regional offices, more than a dozen laboratories and field offices nationwide, and over 17,000 employees.² The EPA is charged with administering, in whole or in part, a wide range of environmental statutes and Executive Orders.³

¹ EPA was created in 1970, through an [executive reorganization plan](#), as the regulatory agency responsible for the implementation of federal laws designed to protect the environment.

² See [EPA History](#); [EPA Organizational Structure](#); [EPA "Our Mission and What We Do"](#); [FY 2011 Agency Financial Report](#).

³ For links to the statutes and executive orders administered by EPA and additional information, see [EPA Summary of Environmental Laws and Executive Orders](#). Statutes within the Energy and Commerce Committee's jurisdiction include but are not limited to: the Clean Air Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act, and the Toxic Substances Control Act.

On February 13, 2012, President Obama proposed a budget of **\$8.344 billion** for EPA for the fiscal year 2013 (October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013).⁴ The budget is approximately 1.2 percent, or \$105 million, below the FY 2012 enacted level. The budget sets forth five performance goals and proposes the following in funding:

- Goal 1: Taking Action on Climate Change and Improving Air Quality: **\$1.125 billion**
- Goal 2: Protecting America's Waters: **\$3.782 billion**
- Goal 3: Cleaning Up Our Communities: **\$1.938 billion**
- Goal 4: Ensuring the Safety of Chemicals and Preventing Pollution: **\$699 million**
- Goal 5: Enforcing Environmental Laws: **\$830 million**

A chart showing the budget by goal, dollar totals, and percentages, is attached.

Major proposed budget changes from EPA's FY 2012 enacted budget include the following:

Climate Change and Air Quality

- Federal Vehicles and Fuels Standards and Certification: \$101.9 million (+\$10.0 million)
- Climate Protection Program: \$108 million (+\$8.5 million)
- Federal Stationary Source Regulations: \$34.1 million (+\$6.8 million)
- Climate Protection: \$7.8 million (-\$8.5 million) (reflecting elimination of the Clean Automotive Technology (CAT) Program)
- Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Grants: \$15 million (-\$15 million)
- Radon Program: \$2.2 million (\$-1.9 million)

America's Waters

- Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI): \$300 million (+\$.5 million)
- Chesapeake Bay Program: \$72.6 million (+\$15.3 million)
- Surface Water Protection: \$211.6 million (+\$7.7 million)
- Drinking Water Programs: \$108.3 million (+\$6 million)
- Wetlands: \$27.7 million (+\$6.5 million)
- Geographic Programs: \$39.1 million (-\$13.8 million)
- Beach / Fish Programs: \$.7 million (\$-1.8 million)
- Marine Pollution: \$11.6 million (-\$1.3 million)

Water Infrastructure

- State Revolving Funds (SRFs): \$2.025 billion (-\$359.3 million)
- Infrastructure Assistance: Mexico Border: \$10 million (+\$5 million)

State and Tribal Partnerships

- State and Local Air Quality Management Grants: \$301.5 million (+\$65.8 million)
- Tribal General Assistance Program Grants: \$96.4 million (+\$28.7 million)
- Water Pollution Control Grants (Sect. 106): \$265.3 million (+\$26.9 million)
- Environmental Information Grants: \$15.2 million (+\$5.2 million)
- Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Grants: \$109.7 million (+\$4.4 million)

⁴ For links to EPA's budget materials see [Press Release](#); [FY 2013 EPA Budget in Brief](#); [EPA FY 2013 Budget Justification of Appropriation](#); and [Planning, Budget, and Results](#). For prior year budget information, see [Historical Planning, Budget, and Results Reports](#).

Beaches Protection Categorical Grants: \$0 (-\$9.9 million)

Radon Categorical Grants: \$0 (\$-8 million)

Enforcement and Compliance

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance: \$615.9 million (+\$33.5 million)

Chemical Safety

Chemical Risk Review and Reduction: \$67.6 million (+\$11.1 million)

Chemical Risk Management: \$3.7 million (-\$2.3 million)

Endocrine Disruptors: \$7.2 million (-\$1 million)

Healthy Communities

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA): \$117.3 million (+\$4.8 million)

Environmental Outreach: \$5 million (+\$5 million)

Oil Spill: Prevention, Preparedness and Response: \$19.3 million (+\$4.6 million)

Tribal Capacity Building: \$15.1 million (\$1.4 million)

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE): \$2.1 million (+\$2.1 million)

State and Local Prevention and Preparedness: \$14.9 million (+\$1.6 million)

Environmental Education: \$0 (-\$9.7 million)

Research

Research Program: \$575.6 million (+\$7.6 million)

Superfund

Superfund Program: \$1.176 billion (-\$37.4 million)

Homeland Security

Homeland Security: \$102.3 million (+\$.3 million)

III. ISSUES:

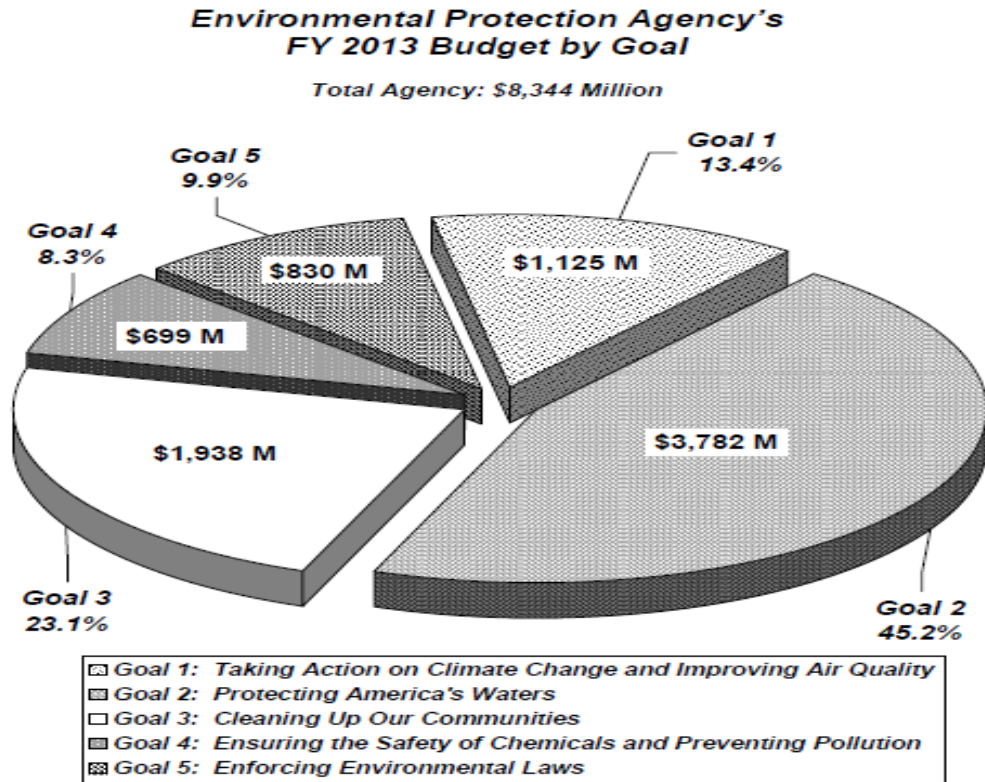
The following issues may be examined at the hearing:

- Funding priorities;
- Major budget changes;
- Eliminations and efficiencies;
- Planned rulemakings;
- Priority science and research;
- Grants; and,
- Enforcement activities.

IV. STAFF CONTACTS

For questions regarding the hearing, please contact Mary Neumayr or David McCarthy at (202) 225-2927.

APPENDIX



Notes:
Dollar totals and percentages in chart exclude a \$30 million cancellation of prior year funds.
Totals may not add due to rounding.

Source: FY 2013 EPA Budget in Brief
http://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/annualplan/FY2013_BIB.pdf