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## Senate, House Conferees Approve FY 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill

WASHINGTON – The Senate and House of Representatives conferees agreed today to the Energy and Water Appropriations conference report for fiscal year 2006. The bill makes appropriations for the Department of Energy, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Corps of Engineers. The conference bill in total recommends \$30.495 billion for FY06.

### **Bill Highlights:**

#### **Army Corps of Engineers**

The Conference report provides \$5.383 billion that is...

- \$1.051 billion above the President's request
- \$56.9 million above the FY05 level

#### **Bureau of Reclamation and related Interior accounts**

The Conference report provides \$1.065 billion, which is...

- \$113.9 million above the President's request
- \$47.4 million above the FY05 level
  - **Animas-LaPlata** -- \$56 million, up \$4 million above the request
  - **Cal Fed** -- \$37 million, \$2 million above the level of the budget request.
  - **Water 2025** is funded at \$5 million, which is \$15 million below FY05

#### **Department of Energy**

The Conference report provides \$24.289 billion, which is...

\$76.5 million above the President's request

\$129 million less than the FY 05 level

#### **Energy Conservation & Conservation**

The Conference report provides \$1.830 billion, which is...

- \$81.5 million above the President's request
- \$24 million above the FY 05 level
  - Hydrogen Technology is \$157.2 million as requested.
  - Biomass is \$91.634 million, up \$19.5 million above the request.
  - Vehicle Technologies is \$183.9 million.

#### **Nuclear Energy**

The Conference report provides \$557.57 million for Nuclear Energy. \$226 million is included for Nuclear Energy R&D.

- Nuclear Power 2010 - \$66 million
- Generation IV - \$55 million (Next Generation Nuclear Plant - \$40 million)
- Advanced Fuel Concepts Initiative \$80 million

#### **Office of Science**

The Conference report provides \$3.63 billion for scientific research, which is...

\$170 million above the President's request

\$32 million above the FY 05 level.

- Initiates Nanotechnology Technology Transfer fund at \$15 million.
- Fully funds the Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge
- Restores funding for domestic fusion research at \$290 million.

#### **Fossil Energy**

The Conference report provides \$598 million, which is

- \$150 million below the request
- \$26 million above FY 05 level
  - Clean Coal Power Initiative received \$50 million
  - Funding decrease is the result of deferral of \$257 million in clean coal technology funds.

### Environmental Clean-up

The Conference report provides \$6.192 billion in Defense-related cleanup and \$353.2 million in non-defense related costs. UED&D received \$565.2 million.

### Nuclear Waste Disposal (Yucca Mountain)

The Conference report provides a total of \$500 million.

- Language is included directing the Department to begin a spent nuclear fuel recycling plan and to set up a competition to determine if there are communities or states that want to *volunteer* to be the site for a recycling reprocessing facility.

### NNSA Weapons Activities (Stockpile Stewardship)

The Conference report provides \$6.433 billion

- Weapons Activities are reduced by net \$70 million **below** the President's request.
- **The Reliable Replacement Warhead** program is provided \$25 million, up \$15 million over the requested level.
- **Funding for Science, Engineering and Advanced Computing Campaigns have been increased by \$60 million over the President's request.**
- **National Ignition Facility** is fully funded.

### NNSA Nonproliferation activities

The Conference report provides \$1.63 billion, which is

- \$6 million under the President's request.
- \$138 million above the FY 05 funding level
  - MoX construction is funded at \$220 million
  - Increases nuclear detection R&D by \$25 million
  - Provides \$10 million to address emerging threats
  - Global Threat Reduction Initiative is funded at the level of the President's request

### Independent Agencies

- The bill provides \$50 million for the **Denali Commission**, an increase of \$47.5 million over the President's request and the same as current year level.
- The bill provides \$65.5 million for the **Appalachian Regional Commission**, consistent with the President's request and current year levels.
- The bill provides \$12 million for the **Delta Regional Authority**, an increase of \$6 million over the President's request and \$6 million above the current year level.
- The bill provides a total budget of \$734.3 million for the **Nuclear Regulatory Commission**, an increase of \$41 million over the President's request and \$41 million above the current year level. Funding will be used to:
  - Support the licensing of next generation reactors.
  - Require the NRC to undertake a security assessment of on-site pool storage of spent nuclear fuel.

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