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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Approves Fiscal Year 2011 Funding Legislation

Dorgan applauds subcommittee approval; says bill will make our nuclear weapons stockpile safe and reliable, secure nuclear material worldwide, and makes investments in critical water infrastructure

Washington, D.C. - The U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development today approved Fiscal Year 2011 funding legislation that addresses the energy, infrastructure, and nuclear security 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.

U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), Chairman of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, issued the following statement:

“This bill continues to make steady, smart, and innovative investments in energy research and development toward the goal of being less reliant on foreign oil, supporting clean energy technologies and jobs, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Funding for basic and applied energy research is near or above current funding levels. The bill also supports the new ARPA-E program that is seeking out game changing science and technologies.”

“This bill also makes critical investments in our nation’s water infrastructure funding. Our country has a backlog of infrastructure needs which will take years to address, and this bill prioritizes the urgency of our water infrastructure investments in a way that protects taxpayers,” added Dorgan.

“This bill achieves the dual goals of maintaining a strong nuclear deterrent and preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. This bill will help the United States transition to a smaller nuclear stockpile while also investing in the science, technology, and infrastructure needed to maintain the safety, security, and reliability of the nation’s nuclear weapons without underground nuclear testing. Additionally, this bill will accelerate efforts to secure all vulnerable nuclear materials around the world in four years to address the nuclear proliferation threat,” said Dorgan.

The FY 2011 bill would provide a total of **\$34.968 billion** for the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy (DOE). The Subcommittee legislation is \$376.3 million below President Obama's budget request and \$1.503 billion above the FY 2010 enacted level. The Subcommittee legislation would fund research in energy efficiency technologies, renewable energy, fossil energy, and other energy activities as well nuclear weapons and nonproliferation initiatives.

Fiscal Year 2011 Energy and Water Development legislation highlights:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$28.346 billion** for the Department of Energy.

- Energy and Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs would receive **\$2.288 billion**, which is \$68 million below the President's budget request, but \$45 million above FY 2010.
- Electricity and Energy Reliability would receive **\$190.2 million**, which is \$4 million above the request and \$18 million above FY 2010. The funding would provide increased investment to support renewable energy integration into the electric transmission grid.
- Nuclear Energy would receive **\$783.2 million**, which is \$40.9 million below the President's budget request and \$3 million below FY 2010.
- Fossil Energy would receive **\$726 million**, which is \$139.4 million above the request and \$54 million above FY 2010.
- The Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves would receive **\$23.6 million**, which is equal to the President's budget request.
- The Strategic Petroleum Reserve would receive **\$209.9 million**, an increase of \$71 million above the request.
- The Energy Information Administration would receive **\$119 million**, which is \$9.8 million below the President's budget request and \$8 million above FY 2010.
- Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup would receive **\$244.2 million**, which is \$19 million above the President's budget request and even with FY 2010.
- The Office of Science would receive **\$5.012 billion**, which is \$109.4 million below the President's budget request, but \$108.3 million above FY 2010.
- The Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) would receive **\$200 million** to develop high-risk, but promising future energy technologies.
- Weapons Activities would receive **\$7.018.8 billion**, which is \$10 million above the request and \$633.6 million above FY 2010.
- Nuclear Nonproliferation would receive **\$2.612 billion**, which is \$75 million below the request but \$475.5 million above FY 2010.
- Defense Environmental Cleanup would receive **\$5.263 billion**, which is \$325 million below the President's budget request.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$5.320 billion** for the Army Corps of Engineers. This level is **\$416 million** above the President's budget request.

- General Investigations would receive **\$166 million**, which is \$62 million above the budget request.
- Construction funding would receive **\$1.780 billion**, which is \$90 million over the budget request.
- The Mississippi River and Tributaries would receive **\$335 million**, which is \$130 million above the budget request.
- Operations and Maintenance would receive **\$2.495 billion**, which is \$134 million above the budget request.
- The Regulatory Program would receive **\$193 million** equal to the request.
- Formerly Utilized Sited Remedial Action Program would receive **\$130 million** equal to the request.
- The Office of the Assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works would receive **\$6 million**, which is the same as the request.
- For General Expenses, the Corps would receive **\$185 million** equal to the request.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$1.133 billion** for the Department of the Interior. This level is **\$25 million** above the President's budget request.

- The Department of Interior's Central Utah Project Completion Account would receive **\$43 million**, which is the equal to the budget request.
- The Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources account would receive **\$939 million**, which is \$25 million above the President's budget request.
- The Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project Restoration Fund account would receive **\$50 million**, which is equal to the budget request.
- The Bureau of Reclamation's California Bay-Delta Restoration account would receive **\$40 million**, which is equal to the budget request.
- The Bureau of Reclamation's Policy and Administration account would receive **\$61 million**, which is equal to the President's request.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$275 million** for independent agencies under Title IV of the bill.

- The Appalachian Regional Commission would receive **\$76 million**, the same as the budget request.
- The Delta Regional Authority would receive **\$13 million**, which is the equal to the President's budget request.

- The Denali Commission would receive **\$11.96 million**, equal to the President's budget request.
- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission would receive **\$139 million**, which is \$1 million above the President's budget request.

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