



U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations

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Summary: FY12 Energy and Water Development Appropriations *Conference Report*

Bill invests in critical water infrastructure, advances clean energy technologies, secures nuclear material worldwide, and makes the nuclear weapons stockpile safer

The U.S. Senate today approved Fiscal Year 2012 Energy and Water Development funding legislation that addresses the energy, water infrastructure, and nuclear security challenges facing the nation. The bill provides critical investments that will help develop clean and alternative energy sources, and protect the nation from nuclear terrorism.

The FY 2012 bill provides a total of **\$32.010 billion** for the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy (DOE). The legislation is \$328 million above the fiscal year 2011 enacted level. The allocation for this bill is divided into security and non-security accounts. The security accounts fund the National Nuclear Security Administration and received an allocation of \$11 billion, an increase of \$477 million above the fiscal year 2011 enacted level. The non-security accounts fund water and energy-related programs and received an allocation \$21.010 billion, \$150 million below the fiscal year 2011 enacted level.

The FY 2012 bill provides increased funding to the National Nuclear Security Administration to meet critical national security goals. The bill provides \$7.234 billion, an increase of \$338 million above the fiscal year 2011 enacted level, to modernize the nuclear weapons stockpile, such as refurbishing nuclear weapons to improve their safety, security, and reliability, and replacing aging infrastructure. The bill also provides \$2.3 billion, an increase of \$30 million above the fiscal year 2011 enacted level, for nonproliferation activities, including full funding for programs to secure all vulnerable nuclear materials by the end of 2013 and to deploy equipment at border crossings around the world to detect nuclear smuggling.

Additionally, the FY 2012 bill focuses limited resources on advancing water infrastructure projects and accelerating deployment of new energy technologies. The Corps of Engineers receives an increase of \$145 million, compared to the fiscal year 2011 enacted level, to complete studies and projects for navigation, flood control, and environmental restoration. The bill also provides an increase of \$95 million to ARPA-E to fund additional innovative energy technologies that could significantly reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and an increase of \$46 million to the Office of Science for material research, development of the next generation of biofuels, and maintaining U.S. leadership in high performance computing.

Fiscal Year 2012 Energy and Water Development legislation highlights:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$25.7 billion**, an increase of \$182 million above the fiscal year 2011 enacted level, for the Department of Energy.

- The Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) would receive **\$275 million**, \$95 million more than fiscal year 2011, to develop high-risk, but promising future energy technologies.
- The Office of Science would receive **\$4.889 billion**, \$46 million more than fiscal year 2011, to focus on breakthroughs in energy applications and develop the next-generation high performance computing systems.
- Energy and Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs would receive **\$1.815 billion**, \$20 million above fiscal year 2011, to advance solar, biomass, and vehicle technologies.
- Electricity and Energy Reliability would receive **\$140 million**, \$2 million below fiscal year 2011, to support renewable energy integration into the electric transmission grid.
- Nuclear Energy would receive **\$769 million**, \$43 million above fiscal year 2011, to focus on safety and ways to manage spent fuel.
- Fossil Energy would receive **\$534 million**, \$51 million below fiscal year 2011.
- Defense Environmental Cleanup would receive **\$5.023 billion**, \$43 million above fiscal year 2011.
- Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup would receive **\$236 million**, \$12 million above fiscal year 2011.
- Weapons Activities would receive **\$7.234 billion**, \$338 million above fiscal year 2011.
- Nuclear Nonproliferation would receive **\$2.303 billion**, \$30 million above fiscal year 2011.
- Naval Reactors would receive **\$1.080 billion**, \$121 million above fiscal year 2011.
- The Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves would receive **\$15 million**, \$6 million below fiscal year 2011.
- The Strategic Petroleum Reserve would receive **\$193 million**, \$70 million above fiscal year 2011.
- The Energy Information Administration would receive **\$105 million**, which is \$10 million above fiscal year 2011.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$5.002 billion**, an increase of \$53 million below the fiscal year 2011 enacted level, for the Army Corps of Engineers.

- General Investigations would receive **\$125 million**, \$2 million below fiscal year 2011.

- Construction, General funding would receive **\$1.694 billion**, \$96 million below fiscal year 2011.
- The Mississippi River and Tributaries would receive **\$252 million**, \$12 million below fiscal year 2011.
- Operations and Maintenance would receive **\$2.412 billion**, \$46 million above fiscal year 2011.
- The Regulatory Program would receive **\$193 million**, \$3 million more than fiscal year 2011.
- Formerly Utilized Sited Remedial Action Program would receive **\$109 million**, \$21 million below fiscal year 2011.
- The Office of the Assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works would receive **\$5 million**, which is the same as fiscal year 2011.
- For General Expenses, the Corps would receive **\$185 million**, which is equal to the request and the same as fiscal year 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$1.076 billion**, which is \$18 million below the fiscal year 2011 enacted level, for the Department of the Interior.

- The Department of Interior's Central Utah Project Completion Account would receive **\$29 million**, \$3 million less than fiscal year 2011.
- The Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources account would receive **\$895 million**, \$17 million below fiscal year 2011.
- The Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project Restoration Fund account would receive **\$53 million**, \$3 million above fiscal year 2011.
- The Bureau of Reclamation's California Bay-Delta Restoration account would receive **\$40 million**, the same as fiscal year 2011.
- The Bureau of Reclamation's Policy and Administration account would receive **\$60 million**, \$1 million below fiscal year 2011.

INDEPENDENT AGENCIES

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$255 million**, which is \$8 million above the fiscal year 2011 enacted level, for independent agencies under Title IV of the bill.

- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission would receive **\$128 million**, \$10 million below fiscal year 2011.
- The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board would receive **\$29 million**, \$6 million above fiscal year 2011.

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