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Appropriations Policy Brief

H.R. 2641 — Energy and Water Appropriations Act for FY 2008

BY THE NUMBERS:

In Millions of Dollars

	FY07	FY08 Bush Request	FY08 Committee	Cmte v. Request	Cmte v. FY07
Appropriations	30,298	30,473	31,603	1,130	1,305
<i>Emergency Approps</i>	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	30,298	30,473	31,603	1,130	1,305

Excluding Emergency Appropriations, the Committee Bill is:

- **\$1.3 billion or 4.3% more than last year**
- **\$1.1 billion or 3.7% more than the request**

Budget Compliance: According to CBO, the bill is within the 302(b) allocation of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee and thus complies with the Budget Act.

Unauthorized Appropriations: According to the Committee report, the bill appropriates \$12 billion or roughly 40% of the bill for unauthorized appropriations. The Rules of the House prohibit this practice, but the rule governing consideration of the bill waives this restriction.

Earmarks:

From the agreement reached last week, the Democrats agreed to consider earmarks for the Energy and Water Appropriations bill later in the year. This week, the House will likely consider the through to the end of the bill and then “rise” (or postpone consideration) until later in the year when the committee report that includes the earmarks is re-filed. At that point, the House will resume consideration of the bill for purposes of earmark amendments.

By way of comparison, see this RSC analysis of the [FY 2007 Energy and Water Appropriations bill](#), and the list of earmarks, as brought before the House last year.

Items of Note:

Outsourcing/A-76 Activities: Prohibits funds from being used to conduct a public-private competition or direct conversion under OMB Circular A-76 (the Bush Administration's competitive sourcing initiative) or any other administrative regulation, directive, or policy for any Corps of Engineers program, project, or activity.

Army Corps of Engineers: \$5.584 billion—increase of \$713 million or 15 percent compared to the President's request.

Fossil Energy Research: \$709 million—increase of \$116 million or 20 percent compared to FY 2007 and an increase of \$142 million or 25 percent compared to the President's request.

Funding Summaries:

In Thousands

	FY 07 Enacted	FY 08 Request	FY 08 Cmte	Cmte Over FY07	Cmte Over Request	% Over FY07	% Over Request
Corps of Engineers							
General Investigations.....	171,081	90,000	120,000	-51,081	30,000	--29.9%	33.3%
Construction.....	2,372,868	1,523,000	2,004,186	-368,682	481,186	15.5%	31.6%
Flood Control - MS River & Tributaries.	396,565	260,000	278,000	-118,565	18,000	-30.0%	6.9%
Operations & Maintenance.....	1,976,347	2,471,000	2,655,241	681,894	184,241	34.5%	7.4%
Regulatory Programs.....	159,273	180,000	180,000	20,727	0	13.2%	0%
Flood Control & Coastal Emergencies....	1,561,000	40,000	40,000	-1,521,000	0	-97.4%	0%
General Expenses.....	167,250	177,000	171,000	3,750	-6,000	2.2%	-3.4%
Total, Defense-Civil.....	6,947,035	4,871,000	5,584,427	-1,362,608	713,427	-19.6%	14.6%
Dept of Interior							
Central Utah Project.....	34,020	43,000	43,000	8,980	0	26.4%	0%
Water and Related Resources.....	896,623	816,197	871,197	-25,426	55,000	-2.8%	6.7%
Central Valley Project.....	52,150	59,122	59,122	6,972	0	13.4%	0
California Bay-Delta Restoration.....	36,648	31,750	40,750	4,102	9,000	11.2%	28.3%
Policy & Administration.....	57,575	58,811	58,811	1,236	0	2.1%	0%
Total, Dept of Interior.....	1,077,016	1,000,880	1,072,880	-4,136	72,000	-0.4%	7.2%
Dept of Energy							
Fossil Energy Research.....	592,621	566,801	708,801	116,180	142,000	19.6%	25.1%
Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves....	21,316	17,301	17,301	-4,015	0	-18.8%	0%
Strategic Petroleum Reserve.....	164,441	331,609	163,472	-969	-168,137	-0.6%	-50.7%
Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve.....	5,000	5,325	5,325	325	0	6.5%	0%
Energy Information Adminstration.....	90,653	105,095	105,095	14,442	0	15.9%	0%
Uranium Enrichment Decontam	556,606	573,509	618,759	62,153	45,250	11.2%	7.9%
Non-Defense Environmental Services....	349,687	180,937	286,041	-63,646	105,104	-18.2%	58.1%
Science.....	3,797,294	4,397,876	4,514,082	716,788	116,206	18.9%	2.6%
Nuclear Waste Disposal.....	99,206	202,454	202,454	103,248	0	104.0%	0%
Inspector General.....	41,819	47,732	47,732	5,913	0	14.1%	0%

National Nuclear Security Admin.....	9,216,013	9,386,833	8,786,881	-429,132	-599,952	-4.7%	-6.4%
Other Defense Activities.....	636,271	763,974	604,313	-31,958	-159,661	-5%	-20.9%
Defense Nuclear Waste Disposal.....	346,500	292,046	292,046	-54,454	0	-15.6%	0%
Power Marketing Administrations.....	270,591	240,435	240,435	-30,156	0	-11%	0%
Total, Dept of Energy.....	24,093,193	24,911,713	25,392,119	1,298,926	480,406	5.4%	1.9%
Independent Agencies							
Appalachian Regional Commission.....	64,858	65,000	35,000	-29,858	-30,000	-46.0%	-46.2%
Def Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.....	21,914	22,499	22,499	585	0	2.7%	0%
Delta Regional Authority.....	11,888	6,000	6,000	-5,888	0	-49.5%	0%
Denali Commission.....	49,509	1,800	1,800	-47,709	0	-96.4%	0%
Nuclear Regulatory Commission.....	157,311	150,689	167,839	10,528	17,150	6.7%	10.2%
Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.....	3,591	3,621	3,621	30	0	0.8%	0%
Total, Independent Agencies.....	309,946	252,745	239,895	-70,051	-12,850	-22.6%	-5.4%

