



AGRICULTURE & ENERGY STANDING COMMITTEE
 U.S. HOUSE AND SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES APPROVE
 FY 2013 ENERGY-WATER BILL

May 11, 2012

In late April, both the House and Senate Appropriations Committee approved their own versions of the FY 2013 Energy-Water appropriations bill. At this time it is unclear when the full House or Senate will take up their committee approved bill. Additionally, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved their version of the FY 2013 Agriculture appropriations bill.

FY 2013 Senate and House Appropriations Bill Allocations <i>(billions of \$)</i>			
	FY 2012 Enacted	FY 2013 Senate	FY 2013 House ¹
Total	\$32.988	\$33.361	\$32.1
<i>Department of Energy (DOE)</i>			
Total - Department of Energy (DOE)	\$25.748	\$27.128	\$26.300
Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E)	\$0.275	\$0.312	\$0.200
Office of Science	\$4.874	\$4.909	\$4.800
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy	\$1.82	\$1.98	\$1.451
Electricity and Energy Reliability	\$0.139	\$0.143	\$0.123
Nuclear Energy	\$0.762	\$0.793	\$0.765 ²
The National Nuclear Security Administration	\$11.000	\$11.511	-
Weapons Activities	\$7.214	\$7.577	\$7.577
Nuclear Nonproliferation	\$2.296	\$2.459	\$2.283
Naval Reactors	\$1.080	\$1.089	\$1.087
Environmental Clean-Up	\$5.703	\$5.700	\$4.924
<i>Army Corps of Engineers</i>			
Total - Army Corps of Engineers	\$5.002	\$5.007	\$4.800
Operations and Maintenance	\$2.412	\$2.404	\$2.507
Construction	\$1.100	\$1.700	\$1.477
Mississippi River and Tributaries	\$0.252	\$0.253	\$0.224
Regulatory Reform	\$0.193	\$0.199	\$0.190
General Investigations	\$0.125	\$0.125	\$0.102
<i>Department of the Interior (DOI)</i>			
Total - Department of the Interior	\$1.076	\$1.049	\$0.988
Bureau of Reclamation	\$0.895	\$0.892	\$0.988
Water and Related Resources	\$0.895	\$0.892	\$0.834
Central Valley Project Restoration Fund	\$0.053	\$0.040	\$0.040
California Bay-Delta Restoration	\$0.040	\$0.036	\$0.036

1. Fossil energy research and development would receive \$554 million, almost \$100 million above the Senate approved level.
2. With regards to nuclear waste storage, the bill provides \$25 million for Yucca Mountain activities and does not include language relating to additional sites for interim storage.

Senate 2013 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

The Senate appropriations bill also includes language that authorizes a pilot program within DOE to license one or more nuclear “interim waste storage facilities.” The language notes that any approved facilities would have to be above-ground and

“consent-based,” requiring the approval of the governor and local community involved. Additionally, any storage project that DOE approves would still require Congress to appropriate money for that specific project. Senate Appropriations Chairwoman Diane Feinstein (Calif.) also noted that the Blue Ribbon Commission co-chairs Lee Hamilton and Brent Scowcroft have seen the provision and support it. However, the House bill does not include similar language. The House bill continues to fund a permanent nuclear waste storage facility at Yucca Mountain.

Additional Information

[Senate Appropriations Committee Approved FY 2013 Energy-Water Appropriations Bill Bill Summary](#)

House 2013 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill

The full committee also adopted a number of amendments including: an amendment from Representative Denny Rehberg (Mont.) prohibits funding for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop or implement guidance to expand the scope of federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act; and, an amendment from Representative Rodney Alexander (La.) that would repeal a provision requiring new federal buildings – as well as those that undergo major renovations – to reduce their fossil-fuel-generated energy consumption over time.

Additional Information

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Senate 2013 Agriculture Appropriations Bill

On April 26, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2013 Agriculture appropriations bill that would provide \$20.8 billion in discretionary spending for the Department of Agriculture Department, the Food and Drug Administration and other related programs, which is \$1.2 billion more than the FY 2012 enacted level. Within this overall appropriation, the bill would provide \$2.3 billion for rural development and \$828 million for the Natural Resources Conservation Service. It also provides \$1.6 billion for the Farm Service Agency, with \$1.2 billion for salaries and expenses and \$411 million for farm loan programs. For research, the measure would provide \$1.2 billion for the National Institute on Food and Agriculture and \$1.1 billion for the Agricultural Research Service. On food safety, the measure would provide \$2.5 billion for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), roughly the same as in fiscal 2012, with \$1 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The bill does not include funding that could potentially be generated from a number of FDA user fees, which would be used to help fund implementation of the food safety overhaul, because the proposals for these user fees were still in the early stages of negotiations. The bill also provides \$7 billion, \$422 million more than in FY 2012, for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Additional Information

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