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Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Approves Fiscal Year 2010 Funding Legislation

Dorgan applauds subcommittee approval; says bill will help reduce our reliance on foreign oil, 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 2010 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:

“The Energy and Water Appropriations bill makes investments in our nation’s efforts to develop safe, homegrown energy sources that will reduce our reliance on foreign oil. To enhance our nation’s energy security, we’ve made short-term, mid-range, and long-term investments in building efficiency, vehicle technologies, wind, and solar energy programs. And, because ongoing research and development is necessary to develop game-changing technologies, this bill also restores funding for Hydrogen energy research,” said Dorgan. “The United States is going to continue to use our existing resources like coal to fuel our energy needs, and this bill also makes strategic investments in energy research and development so that we can take full advantage of our domestic energy resources in a way that protects our environment.”

“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.

“Additionally, this bill recognizes that we have an obligation to make sure our weapons stockpile is safe and reliable. It dedicates funding for science and infrastructure so we continue to have assurance in our stockpile while we maintain the goal of reducing the number of nuclear weapons across the world,” said Dorgan.

The FY 2010 bill would provide a total of **\$34.271 billion** for the Army Corps of Engineers, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Energy (DOE). The Subcommittee legislation is \$643 million below President Obama's budget request and nearly \$476 million above the FY 2009 omnibus enacted level. The Subcommittee legislation would fund research in energy efficiency technologies, renewable energy, fossil energy, and other energy activities.

Fiscal Year 2010 Energy and Water Development legislation highlights:

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$27.398 billion** for the Department of Energy. This level is **\$1.109 billion** below the President's budget request.

- Energy and Efficiency and Renewable Energy programs would receive **\$2.233 billion**, which is \$85 million below the President's budget request, but \$304 million above the FY 2009 enacted level.
 - The funding includes \$190 million for continuation of the Hydrogen R&D program, which the administration terminated; a \$10 million increase over the budget request for Wind technology to assist industry with generation problems; and \$30 million above the President's budget request for the Water Power R&D program to expand marine and hydrokinetic research, development and deployment.
- Electricity and Energy Reliability would receive **\$179.6 million**. The funding would provide increased investment to support renewable energy integration into the electric transmission grid.
- Fossil Energy would receive **\$700.2 million**, which is \$82.6 million above the request.
 - More than 60 percent will be directed at carbon capture and storage, efficiency increases and emission reduction programs.
- 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 **\$259.1 million**, an increase of \$30 million above the request for continued design of a storage site in Richton, Mississippi.
- The Energy Information Administration would receive **\$110.5 million**, the same as in FY 2009 enacted level.
- Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup would receive **\$259.8 million**, which is \$22 million above the President's budget request.
- The Office of Science would receive **\$4.899 billion**.
- The Yucca Mountain project would receive **\$196.8 million**, the same as the President's budget request.
- Weapons Activities would receive **\$6.468 billion**, which is \$84 million above the request.
- Nuclear Nonproliferation would receive **\$2.137 billion**. This includes a \$574 million for the MOX project and \$91 million for the Waste Solidification Project, as requested.
- Defense Environmental Cleanup would receive more than **\$5.763 billion**, which is \$268 million above the President's budget request.
 - The increased funding is largely for soil and groundwater cleanup and D&D of old facilities, projects the administration failed to fund.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$5.4 billion** for the Army Corps of Engineers. This level is **\$280 million** above the President's budget request.

- General Investigations would receive **\$170 million**, which is \$70 million above the budget request.
- Construction funding would receive **\$1.924 billion**, which is \$206 million over the budget request.
- The Mississippi River and Tributaries would receive **\$340 million**, which is \$92 million above the budget request.
- Operations and Maintenance would receive **\$2.450 billion**, which is \$54 million under the request, but \$248.1 million above the FY 2009 enacted level.
- The Regulatory Program would receive **\$190 million** equal to the request.
- Formerly Utilized Sited Remedial Action Program would receive **\$140 million**, which is \$6 million above the budget request. The funding would be used to continue work on radiological cleanup.
- The Office of the Assistant secretary of the Army for Civil Works would receive **\$5 million**, which is \$0.5 million above the FY 2009 enacted level.
- For General Expenses, the Corps would receive **\$186 million**, which is \$2 million above the budget request (and includes funding for Corps oversight).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The Subcommittee legislation would provide **\$1.173 billion** for the Department of the Interior. This level is **\$110 million** above the President's budget request.

- The Bureau of Reclamation would receive **\$1.131 billion**, which is \$110 million above the President's budget request.
- The Water and Related Resources account would receive **\$993.1 million** which is \$100 million above the President's budget request and would be utilized to ensure that Bureau of Reclamation can continue its mission of delivering water and power to the West.
- The Central Valley Project Restoration Fund account would receive **\$35.358 million**, which is equal to the budget request.
- The California Bay-Delta Restoration account would receive **\$41 million**, which is \$10 million above the budget request. The funding would address the competing demands on water in the Delta area of California for both environmental needs as well as for consumers.
- Policy and Administration account would receive **\$61.2 million**, which is equal to the President's request.
- The Central Utah Project would receive **\$42 million**, which is equal to the budget request.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The bill would provide **\$295 million** for independent agencies under Title IV of the bill.
 - Appalachian Regional Commission – **\$76 million**, the same as the budget request.
 - Delta Regional Authority – **\$13 million**, which is the equal to the President’s budget request.
 - Denali Commission – **\$11.96 million**, equal to the President’s budget request.
 - Nuclear Regulatory Commission – **\$159.6 million**, which is \$24.2 million under the President’s budget request, reflecting a reduction in NRC Yucca Mountain related funding.

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