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## EPA Budget Slashed Again Agency Cut by \$1 Billion Since 2004 Clean Water Programs Face Biggest Cuts

WASHINGTON - Today, Steve Johnson, Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, came to Capitol Hill to defend a budget proposal that again cuts funding for his agency. Johnson was testifying before the House Appropriations subcommittee on Interior and the Environment.

It was a hard budget to defend.

“The president would have us cut the environmental protection agency by over a billion dollars since 2004. We’ve slashed our ability to help local communities have access to safe drinking water,” said Dave Obey (D-WI), Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee. “This budget is wholly inadequate and divorced from the realities facing this agency.”

This year’s budget proposal cuts the EPA by over \$300 million for the third year in a row. A table in the president’s own budget shows that of the 23 largest government agencies, only two have faced greater cuts since Bush became president. ([President’s Budget, Table S-3](#))

### President’s Budget Cuts EPA by \$1 Billion Since 2004

Fiscal Year	Total Appropriation (in millions)	Total Cut (in millions)
2004 Enacted	\$8,365	
2005 Enacted	\$8,026	\$339
2006 Enacted	\$7,625	\$401
2007 Bush Request	\$7,315	\$310
<b>Total EPA Cuts:</b>		<b>\$1,050</b>

The biggest cuts are to programs that improve water quality.

The [Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#), which funds water quality protection projects for wastewater treatment, non-point source pollution control, and watershed and estuary management, is cut by \$199 million in the president’s request. [STAG grants](#) to fund local drinking water and sewer projects are eliminated in the president’s request. Like EPA funding overall, the programs have been whacked the last three years. Under Bush’s budget proposal they face combined cuts of over \$1 billion from what they were in 2004.

**Clean Water Programs Face the Ax**  
(in millions)

<b>Programs</b>	<b>FY 04 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 05 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 06 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 07 President</b>	<b>Total Cut 06 to 07</b>	<b>Total Cut Since 04</b>
<b>State and Tribal Assistance Grants</b>	\$410	\$394	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$410
<b>Clean Water Revolving Fund</b>	\$1,350	\$1,092	\$887	\$688	\$199	\$662
<b>TOTAL CUTS</b>					<b>\$399</b>	<b>\$1072</b>

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