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FY 2008 OMNIBUS SUMMARY: ENERGY AND WATER SUBCOMMITTEE

Bill Total

2007 Enacted:	\$30.3 billion
President's Request:	\$30.5 billion
Omnibus:	\$31.9 billion

KEY INVESTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY: \$24.4 billion, \$218 million above 2007 and \$316 million below the President's request.

Reducing Our Dependence on Foreign Oil in a Way that Cuts Greenhouse Gas Emissions: \$1.7 billion, rejecting the President's \$238 million cut and \$248 million above 2007, for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs including: Solar Energy (\$168 million), Biofuels (\$198 million), Vehicle Technology (\$213 million), Energy Efficient Buildings (\$109 million), Weatherization Grants (\$227 million), Water Power (\$10 million), and Geothermal Energy (\$20 million).

Environmental Clean-up: \$6.3 billion, \$30 million above the President's request but still \$360 million below 2007, to clean up contamination from 60 years of manufacturing nuclear weapons and cancelled projects for handling nuclear waste. DOE has outstanding commitments to clean-up 23 sites in 14 states.

Nuclear Nonproliferation: \$1.7 billion, \$14 million below the President's request. However, total funding for core nonproliferation programs is increased by \$534 million by transferring unrelated work to other accounts, resulting in a 50% increase over the President's request. This includes work to secure nuclear weapons and materials in the former Soviet Republic, as well increasing efforts to keep them from getting into the United States.

Office of Science: \$4 billion, \$380 million below the President's request and \$220 million above 2007, for basic scientific research.

- **Climate Change Science:** \$137 million, the same as the President's request and \$4 million above 2007, for research into Climate Change including: modeling using state-of-the-art super computers; monitoring radiation in the atmosphere; and long-term experiments on the impact of increased carbon dioxide levels on forests and other ecosystems.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS: \$5.6 billion, \$249 million above 2007, and rejecting the President's \$467 million cut, to flood protection and infrastructure efforts.

- **Operations and Maintenance:** \$2.2 billion, \$267 million above 2007, to address a backlog of over \$1 billion in operations and maintenance needs for coastal and inland navigation infrastructure critical to the U.S. economy.
- **Construction:** \$2.3 billion, the same as 2007, for projects including flood protection needs put in the spotlight after Hurricane Katrina.
- **Management Reforms:** Continues management reforms instituted at the Corps of Engineers, including the requirement for five-year plans and restrictions on reprogramming and contracting.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR - Bureau of Reclamation and Central Utah Project: \$1.2 billion, \$150 million above the President's request and \$91 million above 2007, for dams, canals, water treatment and conservation, and rural water projects in 17 western states.

SIGNIFICANT CUTS

Strategic Petroleum Reserve: \$187 million, \$145 million below the President's request and \$22 million above 2007, rejecting the President's planned expansion, to instead invest in conservation measures and alternative fuels.

Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP): \$179 million, \$216 million below the President's request, for the controversial initiative to reprocess spent nuclear fuel and burn long-lived radioactive materials. This project will cost tens of billions of dollars and last for decades but it continues to raise concerns among scientists and has only weak support from industry.

Weapons Programs: \$6.3 billion, the same as 2007 and \$214 million below the President's request.

- **Reliable Replacement Warhead:** Prohibits the development of a reliable replacement warhead until the President develops a strategic nuclear weapons plan to guide transformation and downsizing of the stockpile and nuclear weapons complex.

International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER): The bill does not fund the President's \$121 million request for the U.S. contribution to the international fusion project.

Compare to the [House passed bill](#).