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The Committee Report can be found [here](#), and the text of the legislation can be found [here](#).

1. **[McCallister \(R-LA\)](#)**: Increases the Army Corps Mississippi River and Tributaries Account by \$47 million and reduces Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) by \$127 million.

The Mississippi River and Tributaries Account is appropriated \$260 million, a level that is \$15 million above the President’s budget request, \$47 million below the FY14 enacted level, and \$11 million above the level proposed by the House Appropriations Committee for FY14.

EERE is appropriated \$1.789 billion, a level that is \$528 million below the President’s budget request, \$113 million below the FY14 enacted level, and \$806 million above the level proposed by the House Appropriations Committee for FY14. The RSC Budget proposed eliminating EERE and many conservative groups oppose all or portions of this program, including, [Americans for Prosperity](#), [Cato](#), [Citizens Against Government Waste](#), [Heritage](#), and [National Taxpayers Union](#). A majority of the Republican Conference supported an amendment to the FY14 Energy and Water Appropriations bill to cut this account significantly.

2. **[Hahn \(D-CA\)](#)**: Increases funding for Army Corps Operations and Maintenance by \$57.6 million and reduces funding for Nuclear Energy Research and Development by \$73.3 million. This amendment is meant to match expenditures from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to the target set by the recently passed [WRRDA](#) law.

The Operation and Maintenance Account is appropriated \$2.905 billion, a level that is \$305 million above the President’s budget request, \$44 million above the FY14 enacted

level, and \$223 million above the level proposed by the House Appropriations Committee for FY14.

The Nuclear Energy program is appropriated \$899 million, a level that is \$36 million above the President's budget request, \$10 million above the FY14 enacted level, and \$243 million above the level proposed by the House Appropriations Committee for FY14. This program conducts research to develop new nuclear reactors. Several outside groups have opposed this funding, including [Cato](#), [Citizens Against Government Waste](#), [Heritage](#), [National Taxpayers Union](#), and [Taxpayers for Common Sense](#).

3. [Gosar \(R-AZ\)](#): Decreases by \$4 million the funds for the executive direction and management of the Office of the Chief Engineers, the Division Offices, and certain research and statistical functions of the Corps of Engineers. This account is appropriated at \$178,000,000 which is \$4,000,000 below FY 2014 enacted levels and the same as the budget request.
4. [Wenstrup \(R-OH\)](#): Increases funding for the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund by \$15 million and cuts Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) by \$10.4 million and cuts DOE Departmental Administration by \$8.5 million. The amendment sponsor intends these funds to go towards decontamination and decommissioning work at the [Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant](#) in Ohio.

The Fund is appropriated \$586 million, a level that is \$55 million above the President's budget request, \$13 million below the FY14 enacted level, and \$41 million above the level proposed by the House Appropriations Committee for FY14. This Fund is meant to pay for cleanup activities at gaseous diffusion plants.

5. [Swalwell \(D-CA\)](#): Increases Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) by \$111.6 million and decreases Fossil Energy Research by \$161.8 million.

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6. [Byrne \(R-AL\)](#): Eliminates the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) account. In the bill, EERE is appropriated \$1.789 billion, a level that is \$528 million below the President's budget request, \$113 million below the FY14 enacted level, and \$806 million above the level proposed by the House Appropriations Committee for FY14. The RSC Budget proposed eliminating EERE and many conservative groups oppose all or portions of this program, including, [Americans for Prosperity](#), [Cato](#), [Citizens Against Government Waste](#), [Heritage](#), and [National Taxpayers Union](#). [A](#)

[majority](#) of the Republican Conference supported an amendment to the FY14 Energy and Water Appropriations bill to cut this account significantly.

7. **McClintock (R-CA):** Eliminates funding for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), Fossil Fuels Research, and all Nuclear Energy research. According to the amendment sponsor, this amendment does not cut funds related to the fuel cycle and waste disposal. This amendment cuts a total of \$3.099 billion. A similar amendment to the FY14 Energy and Water Appropriations bill was supported by a majority of the Republican Conference.

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