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Highlights of the Conference Report to Accompany H.R. 2754, the Energy and Water Development Appropriation Act for FY2004

The Conference Report, H. Rept. 108-357, was filed on November 7, 2003.

NOTEWORTHY

- The Conference Report for the FY04 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill provides \$27.38 billion in discretionary budget authority, which is \$381.8 million more than the budget request and \$1.18 billion more than FY03 appropriations.
- The Conference Report provides: \$22.04 billion for the Department of Energy; \$4.57 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers; and \$986.5 million for the Bureau of Reclamation and related Interior Department accounts.
- Within the Department of Energy appropriation, the Conference Report provides \$1.33 billion for National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Nonproliferation activities, \$6.27 billion for NNSA Weapons Activities (stockpile stewardship), \$6.6 billion for environmental cleanup, and \$580 million for Nuclear Waste Disposal (Yucca Mountain).
- The Conference Report also provides \$132.5 million for nuclear energy R&D and another \$3.47 billion for basic scientific research for the Department of Energy.
- The House was expected to take up the Conference Report on Tuesday, November 18.

Highlights

Title I - Department of Defense: Corps of Engineers - Civil

Conference Report: The Conference Report provides the Corps of Engineers \$4.57 billion for FY 2004, which is \$377.4 million above the Administration's budget request and \$127.4 million below the FY03 level. Of that amount, \$1.97 billion is for operation and maintenance activities of the Corps; \$1.72 billion is for construction of water resource projects; \$324.2 million is for flood control; and \$116.9 million is provided for general investigations.

Senate-Passed Bill: The Senate-passed bill included \$4.49 billion for the Corps for FY 2004. Of that amount, the Senate-passed bill included \$2.01 billion for operation and maintenance activities; \$1.54 billion for construction of water resource projects; \$329.0 million for flood control; and \$131.7 million for general investigations.

Title II - Department of the Interior (Water Resources Development)

Conference Report: Title II of the Conference report provides \$986.5 million for the Bureau of Reclamation and related Interior Departments, which is \$64.3 million above the Administration's budget request and \$14.2 million above the FY03 level. Of this amount, \$857.5 million is provided for the Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources Projects and \$39.6 million for the California Central Valley Project Restoration Fund. Title II also includes \$38.2 million for the Central Utah Project Completion Account.

Senate-Passed Bill: The Senate-passed bill provided \$987.4 million for the Bureau of Reclamation and related Interior Departments. Of that amount, \$859.5 million was provided for the Bureau of Reclamation's Water and Related Resources Projects. The Senate-passed bill provided the same amount as the Conference Report for the California Central Valley Project Restoration Fund and for the Central Utah Project Completion Account.

Title III - Department of Energy

Conference Report: The Conference Report provides \$22.04 billion for the Department of Energy, which is \$119.6 million below the Administration's request and \$1.21 billion over the FY03 level. The amount includes \$737.5 million for energy supply programs; \$919.3 million for non-defense environmental programs; \$3.45 billion for scientific research; \$190.0 million for nuclear waste disposal from the Nuclear Waste Fund and \$390 million in the defense account; and \$16.40 billion for atomic

energy defense activities. The Conference Report also provides \$214.3 million for the Power Marketing Administrations.

Senate-Passed Bill: The Senate-passed bill provided \$22.2 billion for the Department of Energy. That amount included \$920.3 million for energy supply programs; \$870.1 million for non-defense environmental programs; \$3.36 billion for scientific research; \$140.0 million for nuclear waste disposal; and \$16.44 billion for atomic energy defense activities. The Senate-passed bill also provided \$214.3 million for the Power Marketing Administrations.