



COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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SUMMARY: 2009 INTERIOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS BILL

Bill Total	
2008 Enacted:	\$26.3 billion
Bush Request:	\$25.6 billion
2009 Bill:	\$27.6 billion

KEY INVESTMENTS

Environmental Protection Agency: \$7.6 billion, \$174 million above 2008, to keep air and water clean.

- **Clean Drinking Water & Wastewater:** \$1.5 billion, for the State Revolving Funds to provide roughly 516 low-interest loans to help local communities improve their drinking water and wastewater systems. This includes: \$689 million for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund to ensure our nation's waters meet the goals of the Clean Water Act; \$829 million for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to protect public health by improving drinking water systems; and \$145 million for STAG grants for drinking and wastewater infrastructure systems.
- **Cleaning Up Hazardous Waste and Toxic Sites:** \$815 million, \$22 million above 2008, to clean up dangerous toxic waste including \$605 million for the Superfund to clean up hazardous substances at over 1,500 of the nation's worst toxic waste sites, \$112 million to inspect and clean up underground toxic spills, and \$97 million for evaluation and cleanup of Brownfields former industrial and commercial sites – making problem properties ready for development and productive community use.
- **Clean Air:** \$224 million, \$7.2 million above last year for grants to states to implement the Clean Air Act and \$60 million, \$11 million above 2008, for grants to reduce emissions from diesel engines.
- **Great Bodies of Water:** \$154 million, to protect the nation's great water bodies including the Great Lakes, Puget Sound, and the Chesapeake Bay.

Climate Change: \$232 million, \$39 million above 2008, for programs to address global climate change. This includes:

- \$16 million to implement the Energy Independence and Security Act, including \$10 million to meet its requirement that the U.S. produce 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels by 2022, and \$3 million for carbon sequestration research (such as pumping emissions from coal power plants underground) at the US Geological Survey.
- \$50 million for EPA's Energy Star program which saves consumers \$14 billion a year in energy costs by letting them know appliances' energy efficiency.
- \$10 million for new grants at EPA to encourage local communities to find ways to cut their greenhouse gas emissions.
- \$6.5 million to continue development of a Greenhouse Gas Registry, a first step in controlling greenhouse gasses.
- \$68 million for priority climate change research at the US Geological Survey.

Native Americans and Alaska Natives

Bureau of Indian Affairs: \$2.4 billion, \$85 million above 2008, for law enforcement officers, teachers, and jobs programs that will strengthen Native communities. This bill reverses years of irresponsible cuts to elementary and adult education programs, tribal technical colleges, early childhood development programs, and housing improvements programs for the most disadvantaged families.

Indian Health Service: \$3.6 billion, \$235 million above 2008, to improve health services and increase access to health care.

- **Fighting Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse:** \$49 million to address domestic violence, substance abuse, and law enforcement problems in Indian country. These joint BIA and IHS efforts provide more tribal law enforcement officers, new and upgraded detention centers, improved tribal courts, and increased access to health programs in order to fight domestic violence and substance abuse.

Wildland Fire: \$3 billion, \$239 million above 2008, for efforts to fight wildfires at the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, including hazardous fuels reduction projects, state and volunteer fire assistance activities and forest health projects.

National Parks: \$2.5 billion for the National Parks, \$135 million above 2008, to continue the 10 year initiative to upgrade our parks before the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016.

National Wildlife Refuge System: \$463 million, to reverse the dramatic loss of staffing that has occurred on the National Wildlife Refuges to improve conservation efforts.

U.S. Forest Service (non-fire): \$2.6 billion, \$79 million above 2008, including the Legacy Road and Trail Remediation program to protect streams and water systems from damaged forest roads.

National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities: \$155 million for the National Endowment for the Arts and \$155 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities to preserve and encourage America's cultural heritage.

Smithsonian: \$731 million, \$49 million above 2008, to house the nation's treasures.