

ECA Update: Department of Energy FY 2016 Omnibus Appropriations

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Congressional leaders announced they reached a year-end tax and spending agreement Tuesday, December 15. The agreement lays out \$1.1 trillion in spending for the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2016 and extends about \$650 billion in tax credits for businesses and individuals. This is the culmination of this year's appropriations process, which stalled in mid-July. Congress is likely to pass the agreement by December 18 before leaving for their holiday recess.

Another continuing resolution (CR) was passed to give Congress until December 22 to pass the full deal. The original CR expired on December 11 but was extended to give Congress more time to conclude and pass an agreement. Negotiations were extended because of disagreements over about 40 policy riders. The final agreement gave both Democrats and Republicans some political wins and losses.

“This package reflects conservative priorities in both funding and policy – including support for critical areas such as our national defense, halting many harmful regulations, and trimming wasteful spending,” House Appropriations Chairman Hal Rodgers (R-KY) said in a statement following the release of the deal. “But it also represents a compromise that Members on both sides of the aisle can and should get behind.”

The agreement adheres to the two year budget deal passed in early November and provides \$548 billion in defense spending and \$518.5 billion for non-defense spending. All 12 appropriations bills are part of the 2000 page omnibus package.

\$37.2 billion is appropriated through the Energy and Water portion, and increase of \$3 billion above the 2015 level and \$1.1 billion above the President's budget request. It includes \$12.5 billion for the NNSA and \$29.7 billion for the entire DOE. While this is some \$200 million below FY 2015 levels and \$800 million below the requested levels, nearly \$5.3 billion is appropriated for defense environmental cleanup, more than \$200 million above requested levels. Total EM funding comes in at \$6.2 billion. According to a House Committee [summary](#), the bill will also allow for the continuation of prior-year funding for Yucca Mountain to “maintain its viability for future use.”

Text of the “*Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016*” can be found [here](#). Summaries are available [here](#) and [here](#).

Department of Energy FY 2016 Budget				
Appropriation	FY 2015 Enacted (\$)	FY 2016 Request (\$)	FY 2016 NDAA Enacted (\$)*	FY 2016 Omnibus Appropriations (\$)
Department of Energy	27,916,797,000	30,527,136,000	18,528,526,000	29,717,278,000
National Nuclear Security Administration				
Weapons Activities	8,186,657,000	8,846,948,000	8,802,797,000	8,846,948,000
Total NNSA Funding	11,407,295,000	12,565,400,000	12,492,293,000	12,526,512,000
Environmental Management Funding				
Defense Environmental Cleanup	5,000,000,000	5,055,550,000	5,100,550,000	5,289,742,000
Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup	246,000,000	220,185,000	---	255,000,000
Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund	625,000,000	542,289,000	---	673,749,000
Total EM Funding	5,861,017,000	5,818,024,000	---	6,218,491,000
Cleanup Funding Highlights				
Carlsbad/WIPP	320,000,000	243,318,000	243,318,000	269,260,000
Hanford/Richland	941,000,000	843,837,000	915,837,000	922,590,000
Idaho National Laboratory	380,203,000	360,783,000	360,783,000	396,000,000
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	1,366,000	1,366,000	1,366,000	1,366,000
Los Alamos National Laboratory	185,000,000	188,625,000	188,625,000	185,000,000
Oak Ridge Reservation	223,050,000	177,353,000	177,353,000	239,050,000
Office of River Protection	1,212,000,000	1,414,000,000	1,414,000,000	1,414,000,000
Nevada NNSA Site	64,851,000	62,385,000	62,385,000	62,385,000
Paducah	207,215,000	168,652,000	---	199,925,000
Portsmouth	214,024,000	165,417,000	---	225,166,000
Sandia National Laboratory	2,801,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Savannah River Site	1,121,307,000	1,208,421,000	1,211,421,000	1,208,421,000
Nuclear Energy Funding				
Nuclear Energy	833,500,000	907,574,000	---	986,161,000
Nuclear Waste Disposal				
Waste Disposal (Yucca)	---	---	---	---
Legacy Management Funding				
Legacy Management	171,980,000	167,180,000	167,180,000	167,180,000