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The main agency of concern to the geoscience community in the Energy, Water and Related Agencies appropriations bill is the Department of Energy (DOE). Programs of interest to the geosciences include those for renewable energy and activities within the Office of Science such as the Basic Energy Science program which has a geoscience division.

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Appropriations Update: Congress Passes Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Omnibus Spending Bill

After passing a 2-day extension of the existing continuing resolution (CR), which provided funding through December 11, Congress passed the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015 on Saturday, December 13. This bill will fund most of the federal government through September 30, 2016.

Dubbed the "CRomnibus", the bill provides yearlong funding for 11 out of the 12 appropriations bills. The 12th bill, which funds the Department of Homeland Security, is only funded through February 27, 2015.

Appropriations Update: Continuing Appropriations Resolution (H.J. Res 124)

This September, Congress passed a short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) funding the federal government at FY 2014 levels through December 11, 2014. The stop-gap spending measure ensures that federally funded agencies will have enough money to operate through the first couple months of FY 2015, which began October 1.

The bill will continue to provide top-level funding of \$1.012 trillion for the federal government. The House approved its version of the CR (H.J. Res 124) on September 17, and the Senate approved the House bill on September 18. President Obama signed the bill on September 19.

Congress will take up the issue of funding the federal government for the remainder of FY 2015 again after the November elections.

Appropriations Update: Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Energy, Water and Related Agencies

The House passed their version of the fiscal year (FY) 2015 Energy, Water and Related Agencies appropriations bill on July 10, 2014. The Senate has not yet put forward or considered a Senate version of the bill.

Account	FY 14 Enacted	FY 15 President's Request	Percent Change FY 14 Enacted - FY 15 Request	FY 2015 Enacted	
Department of Energy	27281	28436.4	4.2	27916.8	
- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy	1901.7	2316.7	21.8	1923.9	
-- Geothermal	45.8	61.5	34.3	55	
-- Hydropower	58.6	62.5	6.7	61	
-- Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Technology	93	93	0	97	
-- Solar	257.2	282.3	9.8	233	
-- Wind	88.2	115	30.4	107	
-- Biomass	-	0	-	-	
-- Bioenergy Technologies	232.4	253.2	9	225	
- Fossil Energy R&D	562	475.5	-15.4	571	
-- Natural Gas Technologies	20.6	60	191.3	25.1	
-- Unconventional Fossil Energy Technologies	15	0	-100	4.5	
-- Coal CCS Power Systems*	392.3	277.4	-29.3	400	
-- Fossil Energy Environmental Restoration	5.9	7.9	33.9	5.9	
- Office of Science	5071	5111.2	0.8	5071	
-- ARPA-E	280	325	16.1	280	
-- Basic Energy Sciences	1712.8	1806.5	5.5	1733.2	
--- Chemical Sciences, Geosciences & Energy Biosciences	-	-	-	-	
-- Biological & Environmental Research	610.2	628	2.9	592	
--- Climate Environmental Science Research	-	-	-	-	
-- Workforce Development for Teachers & Scientists	26.5	19.5	-26.4	19.5	
- Environmental Management	5830.3	5621.7	-3.6	-	
-- Defense Environmental Clean-up	5000	4864.5	-2.7	5010.8	
-- Non-defense Environmental Clean-up	231.7	226.2	-2.4	246	
--- Uranium Enrichment D&D Funding	598.8	531	-11.3	625	
- Civilian Radioactive Waste Management	-	-	-	-	
-- Nuclear Waste Disposal	-	-	-	-	
-- Defense Nuclear Waste Disposal	-	-	-	-	

* Formerly listed as "Coal"

Sources: FY 2015 Omnibus Spending Bill (Division D), FY 2015 House Energy, Water and Related Agencies Appropriations Report, FY 2015 Senate Energy, Water and Related Agencies Appropriations Report, FY 2014 Omnibus Bill, DOE FY 2015 Budget Request, DOE FY 2014 Budget Request, ARPA-E FY 2014 Budget Request, DOE FY 2012 Budget Table, Basic Energy Sciences FY 2014 Request, Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists FY 2014 Request, EERE Budget Formulation Summary Table: Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 - FY 2015 Temporary Continuing Resolution (CR)
Energy, Water, and Related Agencies Appropriations Process (millions of dollars)

Account	FY 14 Enacted	FY 15 President's Request	Percent Change FY 14 Enacted - FY 15 Request	House Action
Department of Energy	27281	28436.4	4.2	27305.8

- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy	1901.7	2316.7	21.8	1789
-- Geothermal	45.8	61.5	34.3	46
-- Hydropower	58.6	62.5	6.7	38.5
-- Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Technology	93	93	0	100
-- Solar	257.2	282.3	9.8	178
-- Wind	88.2	115	30.4	107
-- Biomass	-	0	-	-
-- Bioenergy Technologies	232.4	253.2	9	180
- Fossil Energy R&D	562	475.5	-15.4	593
-- Natural Gas Technologies	20.6	60	191.3	22.6
-- Unconventional Fossil Energy Technologies	15	0	-100	13
-- Coal CCS Power Systems*	392.3	277.4	-29.3	412
-- Fossil Energy Environmental Restoration	5.9	7.9	33.9	16.8
- Office of Science	5071	5111.2	0.8	5071
-- ARPA-E	280	325	16.1	280
-- Basic Energy Sciences	1712.8	1806.5	5.5	1702
--- Chemical Sciences, Geosciences & Energy Biosciences	-	-	-	-
-- Biological & Environmental Research	610.2	628	2.9	540
--- Climate Environmental Science Research	-	-	-	-
-- Workforce Development for Teachers & Scientists	26.5	19.5	-26.4	19.5
- Environmental Management	5830.3	5621.7	-3.6	-
-- Defense Environmental Clean-up	5000	4864.5	-2.7	4801.3
-- Non-defense Environmental Clean-up	231.7	226.2	-2.4	-
--- Uranium Enrichment D&D Funding	598.8	531	-11.3	586
- Civilian Radioactive Waste Management	-	-	-	-
-- Nuclear Waste Disposal	-	-	-	150
-- Defense Nuclear Waste Disposal	-	-	-	-

^ At the time of this posting, the Senate Appropriations committee had not put forth or considered a Senate Energy, Water and Related Agencies Appropriations bill

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Sources: FY 2015 House Energy, Water and Related Agencies Appropriations Report, FY 2015 Senate Energy, Water and Related Agencies Appropriations Report, FY 2014 Omnibus Bill, DOE FY 2015 Budget Request, DOE FY 2014 Budget Request, ARPA-E FY 2014 Budget Request, DOE FY 2012 Budget Table, Basic Energy Sciences FY 2014 Request, Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists FY 2014 Request, EERE Budget Formulation

Summary Table: Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 - FY 2015 President's Request
Energy, Water and Related Agencies Appropriations (millions of dollars)

Account	FY 12 Actual/ Enacted	FY 13 Current	FY 14 Enacted	Percent Change FY 12 - FY 14	Percent Change FY 13 - FY 14	FY 15 President's Request (PR)	Percent Change FY 14 - FY 15 PR
<i>Department of Energy</i>	26320	25137.4	27224.8	3.4	8.3	27940.4	2.6

- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy	1809.6	1691.8	1900.6	5.1	12.3	2316.7	21.9
-- <i>Geothermal</i>	37.9	35	45.8	20.8	30.9	61.5	32.3
-- <i>Hydropower</i>	58.8	54.7	58.6	-0.3	7.1	62.5	6.7
-- <i>Hydrogen & Fuel Cell Technology</i>	103.6	95.8	92.9	-10.2	-3	93	0.1
-- <i>Solar</i>	289	269.1	257.1	-11	-4.5	282.3	9.8
-- <i>Wind</i>	93.3	86.1	88.1	-5.6	2.3	115	30.5
-- <i>Biomass</i>	-	185.2	-	-	-	-	-
-- <i>Bioenergy Technologies</i>	199.3	-	232.3	16.6	-	253.2	9
- Fossil Energy R&D	337.1	498.7	561.9	66.7	12.7	475.5	-15.4
-- <i>Natural Gas Technologies</i>	14.6	13.9	20.6	41.1	48.2	35	69.9
-- <i>Unconventional Fossil Energy Technologies</i>	4.9	4.6	15	206.1	226.1	-	-
-- <i>Coal</i>	359.3	341.9	392.2	9.2	14.7	302.4	-22.9
-- <i>Fossil Energy Environmental Restoration</i>	7.9	7.5	5.9	-25.3	-21.3	7.9	33.9
- Office of Science	4935	4681.2	5071	2.8	8.3	5111.2	0.8
-- <i>ARPA-E*</i>	275	250.6	280	1.8	11.7	325	16.1
-- <i>Basic Energy Sciences</i>	1644.8	1551.3	1712	4.1	10.4	1806.5	5.5
-- <i>Biological & Environmental Research</i>	592.4	560.7	609.7	3	8.7	628	3
-- <i>Workforce Development for Teachers & Scientists</i>	18.5	17.5	26.5	43.2	51.4	19.5	-26.4
- Environmental Management	5710	5298.7	5830.3	2.1	10	5621.7	-3.6
-- <i>Defense Environmental Clean-up</i>	5006	4627.1	5000	-0.1	8.1	5327.5	6.6
-- <i>Non-defense Environmental Clean-up</i>	235	223.5	231.7	-1.4	3.7	226.2	-2.4
--- <i>Uranium Enrichment D&D Funding</i>	472	448.2	598.6	26.8	33.6	531	-11.3

* FY 2012 "Current Appropriation" for it and all subcategories (Sources: DOE Budget Table and ARPA-E FY 2014 Budget Request)

Sources: FY 2014 Omnibus Bill, DOE FY 2015 Budget Request, DOE FY 2014 Budget Request, ARPA-E FY 2014 Budget Request, DOE FY 2012 Budget Table, Basic Energy Sciences FY 2014 Request, Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists FY 2014 Request, EERE Budget Formulation

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