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On May 21, the Senate Appropriations Committee allocated \$30.01 billion to the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies to cover funding for the Department of the Interior (DOI), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Forest Service, and other agencies for fiscal year (FY) 2016. The FY2015 USGS appropriation was \$1.045 billion. The funding levels approved by the Appropriations Committee represent a \$400 million cut below FY 2015 enacted levels and \$160 million less than the funding passed by the House in April. The Subcommittee will consider how to divide the \$30.1 billion between the agencies and organizations under their jurisdiction.

The Obama Administration proposed a budget with higher spending levels across the board.

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