

INTERIOR-EPA APPROPRIATIONS REPORT LANGUAGE, CHARTED

Appropriations Committee Report Language Comparison, FY18 vs. FY19		
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FY18 Omnibus Explanatory Statement	FY19 House Report	FY19 Senate Report
ENERGY STAR		
<p>(H2622) Clean Air. -The agreement maintains funding for the EnergySTAR program at the fiscal year 2017 enacted level.</p> <p>In 2009, the Agency and the Department of Energy (DOE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to the EnergySTAR Program, which shifted some functions related to home appliance products from the DOE to EPA.</p> <p>The Agency shall work with the DOE to review the 2009 MOU and report to the Committees within 90 days of enactment of this Act on whether the expected efficiencies for home appliance products have been achieved.</p>	<p>(p. 54) In addition, the Committee continues to support the EnergySTAR program at the fiscal year 2018 enacted level, and does not recommend a shift to a fee-based funding mechanism as proposed.</p> <p>In 2009, the Agency and the Department of Energy (DOE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to the EnergySTAR program, shifting some functions related to home appliance products from the DOE to EPA.</p> <p>The Committee is encouraged by the Agency’s progress thus far in reviewing the MOU, and expects the Agency to continue working in coordination with DOE through fiscal year 2019 to ensure the expected efficiencies for home appliance products have been achieved.</p> <p>It is also the Committee’s expectation that any disclosure relating to participation in the EnergySTAR program will not create an express or implied warranty, or give rise to any private claims or right of action under State or Federal law.</p>	<p>(pp. 64-65) Clean Air.— The Committee has provided the fiscal year 2018 enacted level for Clean Air programs.</p> <p>Within these funds, the Committee continues to support the EnergySTAR program at the fiscal year 2018 level.</p> <p>Further, the Committee does not support the proposed termination of voluntary programs, including Natural GasSTAR, AgSTAR, the Combined Heat and Power Partnership, and other partnership programs where EPA works collaboratively with nongovernmental entities to identify beneficial methods to reduce emissions, reduce pollution, or increase efficiency.</p> <p>The Committee funds both program areas related to stratospheric ozone at not less than the fiscal year 2018 enacted level. ***</p> <p>(p. 68) Energy Star.— The Committee is concerned that litigation over non-compliance of voluntary Energy Star efficiency standards, which can be the result of a standard that has changed, may lead some participants to avoid participating in the program.</p> <p>The Committee is also aware of the need for products carrying the Energy Star label to achieve the required efficiency levels to best benefit consumers.</p> <p>The Committee directs the Agency to evaluate how the Agency may balance these interests to ensure that the Energy Star program is both fair</p>

		to voluntary participants and reliable for consumers and report back within 180 days of the enactment of this act.
WaterSense		
(H2623) Water Quality Protection. -The bill provides \$210,417,000 and maintains funding for the WaterSENSE program at the fiscal year 2017 enacted level.	(p. 56) Water Quality Protection.—The Committee recommends \$187,271,000 and supports continued funding for the WaterSENSE program. The Committee also supports ongoing activities related to integrated planning, which will be increasingly necessary as States and communities evaluate wastewater systems for lead contamination issues and pipe replacement. Further, the Committee is aware that more than one quarter of the U.S. population relies on onsite decentralized systems to treat wastewater. The Committee urges the Agency to designate additional technical assistance, resources and expertise toward onsite wastewater recycling issues within the Decentralized Wastewater Program.	(p. 68) Water Quality Protection.—\$210,417,000 has been provided for water quality protection. The Committee rejects the proposed elimination of the WaterSENSE program, and provides not less than the fiscal year 2018 level
Other Voluntary Partnerships		
(H2622) Further, the Committees do not support the proposed termination of voluntary programs, including Natural GasSTAR, AgSTAR, the Combined Heat and Power Partnership, and other partnership programs where EPA works collaboratively with nongovernmental entities to identify beneficial methods to reduce emissions, reduce pollution, or increase efficiency. The Committees also maintain both program areas related to stratospheric ozone at not less than the fiscal year 2017 enacted level.	(p. 54) Further, the Committee does not support the termination of voluntary programs such as Natural GasSTAR, AgSTAR, and other partnership programs where EPA works collaboratively with non-governmental entities to identify beneficial methods to reduce emissions, pollution, and increase efficiency	(pp. 64-65) Clean Air.—The Committee has provided the fiscal year 2018 enacted level for Clean Air programs. Within these funds, the Committee continues to support the EnergySTAR program at the fiscal year 2018 level. Further, the Committee does not support the proposed termination of voluntary programs, including Natural GasSTAR, AgSTAR, the Combined Heat and Power Partnership, and other partnership programs where EPA works collaboratively with nongovernmental entities to identify beneficial methods to reduce emissions, reduce pollution, or increase efficiency. The Committee funds both program areas related to stratospheric ozone at not less than the fiscal year 2018 enacted level.
Environmental Programs and Management		
(H2622) ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT (INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)	(pp. 53-54) ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT	(pp. 64-65) ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT (INCLUDING RESCISSION OF FUNDS)

For Environmental Programs and Management, the bill provides \$2,643,299,000 to be partially offset by a \$45,300,000 rescission for a net discretionary appropriation of \$2,597,999,000.

The Environmental Programs and Management account encompasses a broad range of abatement, prevention, enforcement, and compliance activities, and personnel compensation, benefits, travel, and expenses for all programs of the Agency except Science and Technology, Hazardous Substance Superfund, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund, Inland Oil Spill Programs, and the Office of Inspector General.

Abatement, prevention, and compliance activities include setting environmental standards, issuing permits, monitoring emissions and ambient conditions and providing technical and legal assistance toward enforcement, compliance, and oversight.

In most cases, the States are directly responsible for actual operation of the various environmental programs, and the Agency's activities include oversight and assistance. In addition to program costs, this account funds administrative costs associated with the operating programs of the Agency, including support for executive direction, policy oversight, resources management, general office and building services for program operations, and direct implementation of Agency environmental programs for headquarters, the ten EPA regional offices, and all non-research field operations.

(p. 54) The bill provides \$2,433,282,000 for Environmental Programs and Management, \$164,717,000 below the fiscal year 2018 enacted level and \$648,430,000 above the budget request.

The bill provides \$2,597,999,000 for environmental programs and management activities. This amount is equal to the fiscal year 2018 enacted level. A detailed allocation of funding by program is included in the table that accompanies this report. Additional changes to the request are detailed below.

Clean Air.—The Committee has provided the fiscal year 2018 enacted level for Clean Air programs. **Within these funds, the Committee continues to support the EnergySTAR program at the fiscal year 2018 level. Further, the Committee does not support the proposed termination of voluntary programs, including Natural GasSTAR, AgSTAR, the Combined Heat and Power Partnership, and other partnership programs where EPA works collaboratively with nongovernmental entities to identify beneficial methods to reduce emissions, reduce pollution, or increase efficiency.**

The Committee funds both program areas related to stratospheric ozone at not less than the fiscal year 2018 enacted level.

Environmental Protection: National Priorities.—The bill provides \$15,000,000 for a competitive grant program for qualified non-profit organizations, excluding institutions of higher education, to provide technical assistance for improved water quality or safe drinking water, adequate waste water to small systems or individual private well owners.

The Agency shall provide \$12,300,000 for Grassroots Rural and Small Community Water Systems Assistance Act, for activities specified under section 1442(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–1(e)(8)).

The Agency is also directed to provide \$1,700,000 for grants to qualified not-for-profit organizations for technical assistance for individual private well owners, with priority given to organizations that currently provide technical and educational assistance to individual private well owners.

The Agency is directed to provide on a national and multi-State regional basis, \$1,000,000 for grants to qualified organizations for the sole purpose of providing on-site training and technical assistance for wastewater systems.

		<p>The Agency shall require each grantee to provide a minimum 10 percent match, including in kind contributions.</p> <p>The Agency is directed to allocate funds to grantees within 180 days of enactment of this act.</p> <p>The Committee remains concerned that the Agency made a decision to put out a multi-year Request for Applications for fiscal year 2017 and 2018 without the express approval of the Committee. The Agency is directed to obtain Committee approval for any similar activity in the future.</p>
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