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Environmental Protection Agency: Highlights of the President's FY2006 Request

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The President's FY2006 budget includes \$7.52 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), \$506 million less than the \$8.03 billion that Congress appropriated for FY2005.¹ The largest single decrease in funding would be for grants to states for wastewater infrastructure. Although funding for other activities would decline as well, support for certain purposes would rise, such as cleanup of hazardous waste sites under the Superfund program, cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields, and several grant programs that support scientific research on human health effects. However, small increases may actually reflect a decrease when adjusted for inflation.

Within the State and Tribal Assistance Grants account, the request includes \$730 million for grants to states for clean water state revolving funds (SRFs), \$361 million less than the \$1.09 billion FY2005 appropriation. These funds provide loans to communities for wastewater infrastructure, such as sewage treatment plants. The President's budget also would provide \$850 million for grants to states for the drinking water SRFs, \$7 million more than the FY2005 appropriation of \$843 million. These latter funds provide loans to communities for projects needed to meet drinking water standards. The request does not include any funding for water infrastructure grants targeted to specific communities, for which Congress earmarked \$308 million for FY2005.

The President's FY2006 budget includes \$1.24 billion (after transfers to other EPA accounts) for the Superfund program, \$32 million more than the FY2005 appropriation of \$1.20 billion. The request also includes a \$46 million increase for brownfields, with funding rising from \$164 million in FY2005 to \$210 million in FY2006. The request includes \$791 million (after transfers from the Superfund account) for the Science and Technology account that funds EPA research laboratories and grants for scientific research, \$11 million more than the FY2005 appropriation of \$780 million. A large portion of this increase is for homeland security activities funded from this account. The following table displays EPA's FY2006 request by the eight appropriations accounts. (For further discussion, see CRS Report RL32856, *Environmental Protection Agency: Appropriations for FY2006*.)

¹ The Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2005 (P.L. 108-447) provided \$8.09 billion for EPA, less an across-the-board rescission of 0.8%. The rescinded amount and a \$3 million supplemental yielded an appropriation of \$8.03 billion enacted for FY2005.

**Environmental Protection Agency Appropriations Accounts:
FY2003-FY2005 Enacted, and the FY2006 Request**
(in millions of dollars)

| Appropriations Account | FY2003 Enacted ^a | FY2004 Enacted ^a | FY2005 Enacted ^a | FY2006 Request ^a |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Science and Technology | \$715.6 | \$781.7 | \$744.1 | \$760.6 |
| + transfer from Superfund account | + \$85.6 | + \$44.4 | + \$35.8 | + \$30.6 |
| Science and Technology Total | \$801.2 | \$826.1 | \$779.9 | \$791.2 |
| Environmental Programs and Management | \$2,097.9 | \$2,280.0 | \$2,294.9 | ^b \$2,353.8 |
| Office of Inspector General | \$35.8 | \$37.3 | \$37.7 | \$37.0 |
| + transfer from Superfund account | + \$12.7 | + \$13.2 | + \$12.9 | + \$13.5 |
| Office of Inspector General Total | \$48.5 | \$50.5 | \$50.6 | \$50.5 |
| Buildings & Facilities | \$42.6 | \$39.8 | ^c \$41.7 | \$40.2 |
| Hazardous Substance Superfund | \$1,264.6 | \$1,257.5 | \$1,247.5 | \$1,279.3 |
| — transfer to Office of Inspector General | – \$12.7 | – \$13.1 | – \$12.9 | – \$13.5 |
| — transfer to Science and Technology | – \$85.6 | – \$44.4 | – \$35.8 | – \$30.6 |
| Hazardous Substance Superfund (Net) | \$1,166.3 | \$1,200.0 | \$1,198.8 | \$1,235.2 |
| Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program | \$71.8 | \$75.6 | \$69.4 | \$73.0 |
| Oil Spill Response | \$15.5 | \$16.1 | \$15.9 | \$15.9 |
| Pesticide Registration Fund | — | — | \$19.2 | \$12.0 |
| — Pesticide Registration Fees | — | — | – \$19.2 | – \$12.0 |
| State and Tribal Assistance Grants: Total | \$3,834.9 | \$3,877.8 | \$3,575.3 | \$2,960.8 |
| <i>Clean Water State Revolving Funds</i> | \$1,341.2 | \$1,342.0 | \$1,091.2 | \$730.0 |
| <i>Drinking Water State Revolving Funds</i> | \$844.5 | \$845.0 | \$843.2 | \$850.0 |
| <i>Other Grants</i> | \$1,649.2 | \$1,690.8 | \$1,640.9 | \$1,380.8 |
| Total EPA Accounts | \$8,078.7 | \$8,365.8 | \$8,026.5 | \$7,520.6 |

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- ^a Enacted amounts for FY2003 and FY2004 are from House Appropriations Committee reports on prior year appropriations bills, and reflect across-the-board rescissions. Enacted amounts for FY2005 and the FY2006 request are from the House Appropriations Committee. The Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY2005 (P.L. 108-447) provided \$8.09 billion for EPA, less an across-the-board rescission of 0.8%. The rescinded amount and a \$3 million supplemental, noted below, yielded an appropriation of \$8.03 billion enacted for FY2005.
- ^b The President's FY2006 budget includes \$50 million to be derived from a legislative proposal for changes to Toxics and Pesticides fees, which has not been enacted (*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency FY2006 Justification of Appropriation Estimates for the Committee on Appropriations* (EPA-205/R-05-001)). The House Appropriations Committee included this amount in its calculation as a deduction in offsetting receipts.
- ^c The Buildings and Facilities account includes \$3.0 million in emergency supplemental appropriations for FY2005 provided in the Military Construction Appropriations and Emergency Hurricane Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2005 (P.L. 108-342, Division B).