

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 24, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed FY 2005 budget amendment for the Department of Energy. This amendment replaces a previous amendment transmitted September 7, 2004 and would not increase the discretionary budget authority proposed in my FY 2005 Budget.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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THE DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

September 22, 2004

The President
The White House

Submitted for your consideration is a request for an FY 2005 budget amendment for the Department of Energy. This amendment replaces a previous amendment transmitted September 7, 2004, as a partial offset for the proposed increase to the Corps of Engineers' Construction account. The prior amendment addressed the Defense Site Acceleration Completion account which is subject to pending litigation.

This alternate offset would reduce funding for Environmental Management overhead activities by \$7.0 million and restore funding proposed for site cleanup. Necessary funding for planned FY 2005 activities in this program would be available from unobligated carryover balances resulting from delayed preparatory activities leading to the establishment of the Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center in FY 2005.

In conjunction with the requests previously transmitted on September 7th, the discretionary budget authority proposed in your FY 2005 Budget would not be increased by this amendment.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Energy in recommending that you transmit this amendment to the Congress.

Sincerely,

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Joshua B. Bolten
Director

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Agency: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Bureau: Environmental and Other Defense Activities
Heading: Defense Environmental Services
FY 2005 Budget Appendix Page: 386
FY 2005 Pending Request: \$982,470,000
FY 2005 Proposed Amendment: -\$7,000,000
Revised Request: \$975,470,000

This amendment would reduce program direction funding for the Environmental Management program. Necessary funding for planned FY 2005 activities in this program would be provided through the use of unobligated carryover balances resulting from delayed activities leading to the establishment of the Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center in FY 2005.

This amendment replaces the previous amendment transmitted September 7th for the Defense Site Acceleration Completion account, as a partial offset for the proposed increase to the Corps of Engineers' Construction account.