

Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004

On 1 December 2003, President Bush signed the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-137). The Act funds programs of the Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, several independent agencies, and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Civil Works Program.

The FY 2004 funding for the Civil Works program is approximately \$4.6 billion. Funds for the Civil Works Program are broken into accounts, primarily Construction, General; Operations and Maintenance; General Investigations; Mississippi River and Tributaries Project; Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies, FUSRAP (Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program) for radioactive waste removal connected to the work of the Atomic Energy Commission, and General Expenses. A summary of the highlights of the Act along with breakouts by account is listed below:

FUNDING LEVELS (\$M)

	FY03 Appropriation*	FY04 Budget	FY04 Appropriation
GI	134	100	117
C,G	1745	1350	1722
O&M	1967	1939	1968
MR&T	342	280	324
Regulatory	138	144	140
FCC&E	75	70	0
FUSRAP	144	140	140
GE	<u>154</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>160</u>
TOTAL	4699	4194	4571

*Includes supplemental funding.

The reports from both the House of Representatives (H.R. 108-212) and the Senate (S.R.108-105), along with the Conference report (H.R. 108-357), contained some requirements to report back to the Congress on various issues including the reprogramming of funds between projects, the maintenance of the hopper dredge fleet, the practicality of remote control automation devices at several locks located on the Monongahela River, enforcement actions within the Regulatory Program and general progress reporting on FUSRAP.

Additional Highlights: The Act includes a limited number of study and construction new starts in order to focus the limited resources available towards on-going projects where the Corps has contractual commitments. The

Committees endeavored to provide sufficient funding on each project to mitigate delays and increased costs, to the greatest extent possible, across the entire Corps' Civil Works program. Additionally, the Committees included funding for a number of ongoing projects in the preconstruction, engineering, and design phase.

Some of the individual projects funded include: \$110 million for New York/New Jersey Harbor, \$63 million for the Olmsted Locks and Dam, approximately \$135 million for work in conjunction with the Florida Everglades Restoration project, \$19 million for the Upper Mississippi River System, Environmental Management Program, \$85 million for the Columbia River Fish Mitigation, and \$28.5 million for the West Bank and Vicinities, New Orleans, Louisiana project.

The Act also includes over 50 project-specific authorizations, including new project authorizations, existing project modifications, and general direction to the Corps of Engineers. Additionally, the Act included an additional 12 reconnaissance studies, 22 feasibility studies and 19 new construction starts. A number of additional projects in the Operations & Maintenance account directed work within shallow-draft harbors and with various lower-use waterways.

The Corps of Engineers looks forward to continuing to fulfill its Civil Works mission to the Nation with the passage of the 2004 Energy and Water Appropriations Act.