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Administration Proposes Deep Cuts to Air Grants and EPA for FY 2019

February 12, 2018 – The Trump Administration has released its proposed FY 2019 budget, which includes steep decreases in EPA's funding. The budget must now go to Congress for consideration. The Administration's proposal calls for the following:

- \$152 million for state and local air grants under Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act, which is a decrease of 33 percent from the current amount of \$227 million;
- \$6.1 billion for EPA in FY 2019, which is a decrease of \$1.8 billion, or 23-percent, from the FY 2017 level (some comparisons are made to FY 2017 because FY 2018 is still under a Continuing Resolution and the final appropriations have not been made);
- \$10 million for grants under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA), as compared to \$30 million appropriated in FY 2017;
- Transition of the PM2.5 monitoring program from Section 103 authority (which does not require matching grants) to Section 105 (which does require matching funds);
- \$27 million for Multipurpose Grants ("States would be able to spend this funding on any statutorily mandated delegated duty.") There were no funds appropriated for this in FY 2017;
- No funding for Targeted Airshed Grants, which received \$20 million in FY 2017;
- 20.5-percent reduction in full-time EPA staff, from 15,416 to 12,250; and
- Elimination of a list of programs, including the Climate Change Research and Partnership, Atmospheric Protection, Indoor Air, Radon, Pollution Prevention, Environmental Education and a list of geographic programs.

The Office of Management and Budget issued an addendum letter regarding additional funding that is available in FY 2019 due to the legislation that was adopted on February 9, 2018 that raises budget caps. However, the proposal does not call for any of the additional funding to be used for air-related activities. See EPA Budget in Brief, An American Budget, EPA Detailed Budget and FY 19 Addendum.



NACAA Comments on EPA Glider Repeal NPRM

January 5, 2018 – NACAA submitted written comments to the EPA docket on the agency's November 16, 2017 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to repeal the glider requirements adopted in October 2016 as part of the Phase 2 truck rule. In its letter, NACAA responds to EPA's request in the NPRM for comments "on the relative expected emissions impacts if the

EPA'S FY 19 BUDGET REQUEST

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On February 12, the Administration released the FY 19 budget request for all Federal Agencies FY 19 budget request. That document showed an overall EPA request figure of \$5.4 billion; however, that figure had not been updated to reflect the 11th hour budget agreement. **The actual overall fiscal 2019 funding request for EPA is \$6.15 billion**, still a significant decrease from FY 17's enacted level of \$8.26 billion. Later that same day, EPA posted it's *FY 2019 EPA Budget in Brief* that outlines program funding in greater detail.

In general, the news is not good for either state drinking water programs or EPA. Here are some of the funding requests in key areas of concern:

EPA funding by program account:

- Science & Technology Program Account: \$448,965,000
- Environmental Programs & Management Account: \$1,738,852,000
- State & Tribal Assistance Grants Account: \$2,929,467,000

Drinking water programs of concern:

- PWSS: \$67,892,000 (33% below FY 17 enacted)
- DWSRF: \$863,233,000 (no change from FY 17 enacted)
- Great Lakes Restoration: \$30,000,000 (92% below FY 17 levels)
- Chesapeake Bay: \$7,300,000 (89% below FY 17 levels)
- Alaska Native Villages: \$3,000,000 (85% below FY 17 enacted)
- US/Mexico Border: -\$0-

Other program areas:

- CWSRF: \$1,393,887,000 (a \$9,466,000 increase above FY 17 enacted)
- 106: \$141,799,000 (\$69.7 million below FY 17)
- 319: -\$0-

While many of the decreases are attributable to offsets found the Administrations proposed infrastructure initiative, core program support needs such as for the PWSS program are strikingly absent. ASDWA will continue to track and share more details as they become available.



FUNDING LEVELS FOR KEY WATER APPROPRIATIONS (Dollars in Millions)
(updated November 21, 2017)

	<u>FY15 Enacted</u> <u>P.L. 113-235¹</u>	<u>FY16 Enacted</u> <u>P.L. 114-113²</u>	<u>FY17 Omnibus</u> <u>P.L. 115-31³</u>	<u>FY18 President's</u> <u>Budget Request⁴</u>	<u>FY 2018</u> <u>Annualized CR⁵</u>	<u>FY19 President's</u> <u>Budget Request⁵</u>	<u>Difference FY18</u> <u>and FY19</u> <u>Request</u>
Overall EPA Budget	8,140	8,140	8,060	5,655	8,096	6,100	-1,996
I. Infrastructure							
Clean Water SRF	1,448.8	1,394.00	1,394.0	1,394.0	1,384.4	1,393.8	9.4
Drinking Water SRF	906.89	863.23	863.23	863.23	857.37	863.23	5.86
WIFIA	-	-	10.0	20.0	12.93	20	7.07
II. Categorical Grants							
Section 106	230.8	230.81	230.81	161.26	229.24	153.68	-75.56
Section 319 NPS	159.25	164.92	170.92	0	169.75	0	-169.75
Wetlands Prog. Dev.	14.66	14.66	14.66	10.24	14.56	9.762	-4.80
Public Water Supply	101.96	101.96	101.96	71.24	101.27	67.892	-33.38
Beaches Protection	9.55	9.55	9.55	0	9.484	0	-9.54
III. Regional Programs							
Great Lakes Restoration	300.00	300.00	300.00	0	297.96	30.00	-267.96
Chesapeake Bay	73.00	73.00	73.00	0	72.50	7.30	-65.20
Puget Sound	28.00	28.00	28.00	0	27.81	0	-27.81
Long Island Sound	3.94	3.94	8.00	0	7.95	0	-7.95
Gulf of Mexico	4.48	4.48	8.54	0	8.48	0	-8.48
Lake Champlain	4.39	4.39	4.39	0	4.37	0	-4.37

¹ Based on the Department of Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

² Based on those provided in FY 2016 appropriations committee report

³ Based on FY 2017 consolidated appropriations act committee report

⁴ President's Budget Request for FY18

⁵ Based on EPA FY19 Budget in Brief

FY 2019 President's Budget Request - EPA Budget Summary (Prepared by ECOS)

(Dollars in Thousands)

Appropriation	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Annualized CR	FY 2019 President's Budget Request	Delta FY19 PresBud vs. FY18 ACR	% Change
Science & Technology (S&T)	\$ 723,576	\$ 708,975	\$ 448,965	-260,010	-36.67%
Environmental Program & Management (EPM)	\$ 2,639,160	\$ 2,602,009	\$ 1,738,852	-863,157	-33.17%
- Geographic Programs (e.g. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, Chesapeake Bay, San Francisco Bay, Puget Sound, Long Island Sound, Gulf of Mexico, South Florida, Lake Champlain, Lake Pontchartrain, Southern New England Estuaries, other geographic activities)	\$ 476,245	\$ 432,897	\$ 37,300	-395,597	n/a
Inspector General (IG)	\$ 41,054	\$ 41,207	\$ 37,475	-3,732	-9.06%
Building and Facilities (B&F)	\$ 32,185	\$ 34,233	\$ 39,553	5,320	15.54%
Hazardous Substance Superfund (SF)	\$ 1,144,699	\$ 1,081,374	\$ 1,088,830	7,456	0.69%
Inland Oil Spill Programs (Oil)	\$ 17,940	\$ 18,085	\$ 15,673	-2,412	-13.34%
Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST)	\$ 92,143	\$ 91,317	\$ 47,532	-43,785	-47.95%
State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG)					
- Categorical Grants	\$ 1,048,367	\$ 1,058,802	\$ 597,347	-461,455	-43.58%
- State Revolving Funds	\$ 2,325,131	\$ 2,241,792	\$ 2,257,120	15,328	0.68%
- All Other STAG	\$ 184,255	\$ 202,615	\$ 75,000	-127,615	-62.98%
STAG Total	\$ 3,557,752	\$ 3,503,209	\$ 2,929,467	-573,742	-16.38%
Sequestered Pesticide Registration Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	0.00%
Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Fund	\$ 3,598	\$ 12,932	\$ 20,000	7,068	54.66%
E-Manifest	\$ 4,915	\$ 3,156	\$ -	-3,156	-100.00%
Rescission / Cancellation of Funds	\$ -	\$ (90,348)	\$ (220,460)	-130,112	144.01%
Agency Total	\$ 8,257,023	\$ 8,006,149	\$ 6,145,887	-1,860,262	-23.24%

Notes:

- Some totals may not add due to rounding
- Funds transfers typically present in appropriations legislation are not reflected in the President's budget request
- To conform with recent federal spending legislation, the White House Office of Management and Budget released the below addendum to the President's budget request: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Addendum-to-the-FY-2019-Budget.pdf>

Appropriation	FY 2017 Actuals	FY 2018 Annualized CR	FY 2019 President's Budget Request	Delta FY19	
				PresBud vs. FY18 ACR	% Change
STAG Account Budget Details					
Infrastructure assistance grants					
Alaska Native Villages	20,084	19,864	3,000	-16,864	-84.90%
Brownfields Projects	88,370	79,457	62,000	-17,457	-21.97%
Clean Water SRF	1,380,739	1,384,421	1,393,887	9,466	0.68%
Drinking Water SRF	944,392	857,371	863,233	5,862	0.68%
Mexico border	10,628	9,932	0	-9,932	-100.00%
Diesel emissions grants	40,683	59,593	10,000	-49,593	-83.22%
Targeted airshed grants	19,818	29,796	0	-29,796	-100.00%
Water Quality Monitoring (Animas River Spill)	106	3,973	0	-3,973	-100.00%
Congressionally Mandated Projects	4,566	0	0	0	0.00%
Subtotal, infrastructure assistance grants	2,509,385	2,444,407	2,332,120	-112,287	-4.59%
Categorical grants					
Beaches Protection	9,540	9,484	0	-9,484	-100.00%
Brownfields	46,995	47,421	31,791	-15,630	-32.96%
Environmental Information	9,289	9,580	6,422	-3,158	-32.96%
Hazardous waste financial assistance	97,165	99,016	66,381	-32,635	-32.96%
Lead	14,822	13,954	0	-13,954	-100.00%
Nonpoint source (Sec. 319)	169,772	169,754	0	-169,754	-100.00%
Pesticides enforcement	17,687	17,927	10,531	-7,396	-41.26%
Pesticides program implementation	12,402	12,615	8,457	-4,158	-32.96%
Pollution control (Sec. 106)	227,686	229,239	153,683	-75,556	-32.96%
<i>Water quality monitoring</i>	<i>18,392</i>	<i>17,727</i>	<i>11884</i>	<i>-5,843</i>	<i>-32.96%</i>
Pollution prevention	4,505	4,733	0	-4,733	-100.00%
Public water system supervision (PWSS)	101,126	101,271	67,892	-33,379	-32.96%
Radon	7,963	7,996	0	-7,996	-100.00%
State and local air quality management (Sec. 103, 105, and 106)	214,181	226,669	151,961	-74,708	-32.96%
Toxics substances compliance	4,938	4,886	3,276	-1,610	-32.95%
Tribal air quality management	14,028	12,742	8,963	-3,779	-29.66%
Tribal general assistance program	68,186	65,031	44,233	-20,798	-31.98%
Underground injection control (UIC)	10,572	10,435	6,995	-3,440	-32.97%
Underground storage tanks	1,479	1,488	0	-1,488	-100.00%
Wetlands program development	15,867	14,561	9,762	-4,799	-32.96%
Multipurpose Grants	163	0	27,000	27,000	n/a
Subtotal, Categorical Grants	1,048,367	1,058,802	597,347	-461,455	-43.58%



ECOS Summary of FY19 President's Budget Request for U.S. EPA

February 13, 2018

On February 12th, 2018 the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) released the [President's Budget Request \(https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/budget-fy2019.pdf\)](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/budget-fy2019.pdf) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. OMB requested a U.S. EPA funding level of \$6.15 billion, a 23 percent reduction from FY18 Annualized Continuing Resolution levels. ECOS' [summary chart \(https://www.ecos.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ECOS-FY19-PresBud-Summary_1-1.pdf\)](https://www.ecos.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ECOS-FY19-PresBud-Summary_1-1.pdf) provides detail on requested funding levels by EPA program.

In response to the February 9th passing of legislation setting overall spending caps for the federal government, OMB also released an [Addendum to the President's Budget Request \(https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Addendum-to-the-FY-2019-Budget.pdf\)](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Addendum-to-the-FY-2019-Budget.pdf). The addendum provides for an additional \$327M for Superfund Remedial program national priorities, and \$397M for Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds. Further information can be found on page 18 of the document.

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