

July 19, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman Meserve
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Commissioner McGaffigan
Commissioner Merrifield

FROM: Dennis K. Rathbun, Director **/RA/**
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MARKUP OF ENERGY
AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS BILL, H.R. 4733

On July 18, 2000, the Senate Appropriations Committee marked up and reported out H.R. 4733, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill for FY 2001. The bill appropriates a total of \$22.38 billion with \$13.48 billion for defense and \$8.9 billion for nondefense spending. The bill's overall funding for FY 2001 did not increase over the Subcommittee mark. No new projects were funded for either the Army Corps of Engineers or the Bureau of Reclamation.

Two of the 22 amendments adopted by the Committee are of interest to NRC. Senator Pete Domenici offered a manager's amendment increasing NRC's appropriation \$7 million over the Subcommittee mark of \$474.9 million to \$481.9 million as requested by the President and appropriated by the House. The \$5.5 million appropriated for the Inspector General remained the same. An amendment by Senator Fritz Hollings (D-SC) added \$6 million for a MOX fuel facility at Savannah River which was offset by a like reduction in the appropriation for international materials protection, control, and accounting. Chairman Ted Stevens (R-AK) added report language that would allow the Army Corps of Engineers to spend up to \$5 million to determine the appropriate response action under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) to address Formerly Utilized Site Remediation Program-related (FUSRAP) contamination at Parks Township, PA, and to initiate remediation activities as appropriate.

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The Committee mark for the Department of Energy is \$17.95 billion with \$6.042 billion for Environmental Management sites and \$351 million for high-level waste (HLW) activities. The HLW mark is \$60 million less than the House mark of \$413 million.

Attachment:

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