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FY 2008 OMNIBUS SUMMARY: INTERIOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Bill Total

2007 Enacted:	\$26.4 billion
President's Request:	\$25.7 billion
Omnibus:	\$26.6 billion – Base Bill
	\$300 million – Emergency Funds: Firefighting

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY: \$7.5 billion, \$262 million above the President's request and \$264 million below 2007. Excluding the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, EPA is funded at \$6.8 billion, \$131 million above 2007 and \$261 million above the President's request.

EPA Enforcement: \$384 million, \$11 million above 2007 and the President's request, to ensure that environmental laws and regulations are followed.

Climate Change

- **Sense of the Congress:** States that climate change is a reality and requires the country to act.
- **Core Scientific Research:** \$38 million, a 26% increase above the President's request for basic research on climate change.

Water Infrastructure

- **Clean Water State Revolving Fund:** \$689 million, \$395 million below 2007 and \$1 million above the President's request, to help communities with drinking water and waste water infrastructure projects.
- **Sewer and Water Grants (STAG):** \$133 million, not funded in 2007 or the President's request, for sewer and water grants to local communities, a \$64 million reduction from the 2006 level.

Protecting Bodies of Water

- **Cleaning Up Great Water Bodies:** \$153 million, \$30 million above 2007 and \$45 million over the President's request, to clean up America's waters.

Clean Air

- **Diesel Emission Reduction Program:** \$49 million, \$14 million above the President's request, for a new program to reduce pollution by retrofitting or replacing diesel engines.
- **Clean Air State Grants:** \$217 million, \$32 million above the President's request, for grants for state and regional efforts to implement the Clean Air Act.

Hazardous and Toxic Cleanup

- **Superfund Sites:** \$591 million, \$17 million above 2007 and \$6 million above the President's request, to clean up the most toxic and hazardous waste sites and \$189 million for Superfund enforcement.
- **Brownfields:** \$94 million, \$6.3 million above 2007 and \$4.5 million above the President's request, for evaluation and cleanup of former industrial and commercial sites and \$49 million for state Brownfield programs.
- **Leaking Underground Storage Tanks:** \$106 million, \$33 million above the President's request for grants to inspect and clean up pollution from underground storage tanks.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: \$9.9 billion, \$116 million below 2007 and \$195 million above the President's request.

National Parks: \$2.4 billion, \$90 million above 2007 and \$27 million above the President's request, the first step in a 10 year program to upgrade our parks in time for the centennial anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016. \$24 million of this amount is to initiate the new Centennial Challenge matching grants program of public-private partnerships.

Bureau of Indian Affairs: \$2.3 billion, \$62 million above the President's request, including \$31 million above the request for programs at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services for combating methamphetamine in Indian country and \$49 million above the request to improve education ranging from elementary and secondary schools to adult education.

Indian Health Service: \$3.3 billion, \$166 million above 2007 and \$75 million above the President's request, to improve healthcare access and quality for Native Americans.

Fighting Wildfires: \$2.8 billion, \$169 million above 2007 and \$81 million above the President's request to prevent and fight wildfires, including \$509 million to reduce hazardous fuels and \$300 million emergency wildfire suppression reserve.

Fish and Wildlife Service: \$1.4 billion, \$28 million above 2007 and \$79 million above the President's request, including \$434 million for the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT): \$229 million, \$3.6 million below 2007 and \$39 million above the President's request, for payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable federal lands within their boundaries.

Bureau of Land Management (non-wildfire): \$1 billion, \$19 million below 2007; includes \$5 million for the new healthy lands initiative, a \$5 million increase for the National Landscape Conservation System and a \$4 million increase for law enforcement needs.

U.S. Geological Survey: \$1 billion, \$18 million above 2007 and \$31.5 million above the President's request for core research into areas such as earthquakes, geography, and biological research.

- **USGS Global Climate Change Research:** \$33 million, \$8 million above the President's request and 2007. Establishes new National Global Warming and Wildlife Science Center and funds new research on glacier and polar monitoring, and impacts on rivers and ground water.

U.S. FOREST SERVICE (non-wildfire): \$2.5 billion, \$8 million below 2007 and \$246 million above the President's request, including \$1.5 billion to manage the national forest system, \$5 million above 2007. Also includes \$39 million to repair damaged roads built in the forests and decommission those that receive little use.

OTHER RELATED AGENCIES

Smithsonian: \$683 million, \$48 million above 2007 and \$4 million above the President's request, including a new matching grant program to address large facility modernization problems.

National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities: \$145 million for the National Endowment for the Arts, \$20 million above 2007 and \$145 million for the National Endowment for the Humanities, \$4 million over 2007, to help these programs to recover from deep cuts over the last decade.

Land and Water Conservation Fund: \$208 million, \$121 million above the President's request.

Compare to the [House passed bill](#).