

EPA Budget Faces Continued Appropriations Threats

Biggest cuts would threaten clean air, Superfund enforcement & Gulf of Mexico protections

The EPA continues to face threats to key programs, as the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee this week released its [markup](#) and [report](#) for FY19 funding for the EPA, the Interior Department and other related agencies. The proposed bill would slash or eliminate funding for nearly two dozen programs designed to safeguard public health.

Significant EPA spending cuts by program area in the House bill:

Science and Technology (cut 9% overall)

Program	Cut <i>relative to FY18 funding levels</i>
Clean Air	11%
Enforcement	11%
Indoor air and radiation	11%
Pesticide Licensing	11%
Research — Chemical Safety and Sustainability	10%
Research — Safe and Sustainable Water Resources	10.7%
Research — Sustainable and Healthy Communities	11%

Environmental Programs and Management (cut by 6% overall)

Program	Cut <i>relative to FY18 funding levels</i>
Clean Air — Greenhouse Gas Reporting	11%
Clean Air — Compliance	11%
Clean Air — Enforcement (including environmental justice)	11.8%/11%
Geographic Programs — Gulf of Mexico (AL, FL, LA, TZ)	32%
Geographic Programs — Lake Champlain (NY, VT)	48%
Geographic Programs — So. New England Estuaries (MA, RI)	Eliminate
Indoor Air and Radiation	7%
Information and Outreach to Children & Other Sensitive Populations	11%
Environmental Education	Eliminate
Legal/Science/Regulatory/Economic Review	11%
Water: Human Health Protection	13.5%
Water Quality Protection	11%

Hazardous Substance Superfund (increased 3.2% overall)

Program	Cut <i>relative to FY18 funding levels</i>
Superfund — Enforcement	7%

State and Tribal Assistance Grants (increased 0.7% overall)

Program	Cut <i>relative to FY18 funding levels</i>
Water Quality Monitoring (PL 114-322)	Eliminate
Multi-purpose Grants	Eliminate