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Near-term Activities

Office of Science ITER Parties: Select and appoint Director General and key staff and form ITER working team at Cadarache, including assignment of U.S. personnel **ITER Parties:** Negotiate text on the international ITER Agreement \geq \geq DOE: Continue to complete project activities in U.S., including setting milestones, design/R&D preparations and organizing to implement the US Contributions to ITER project. July to Dec U.S. Congress: Address FY06 Budget Request and ITER in Energy Bill \triangleright 2005 \triangleright U.S.G. and Congress: Consult on progress of text negotiations \triangleright Complete international ITER Agreement and pre-initial or concur on content **ITER Parties: Governments initial the international ITER Agreement** \geq FY 2007 Budget Released on February 6, 2006 \geq DOE: Obtain Administration approval via Circular 175 authorizing the U.S. to sign the ITER Agreement, in consultation with Congress Jan 2006 \triangleright **ITER Parties: Sign international ITER Agreement** and Beyond \geq U.S.G. and Congress: Consult on Ratification or Acceptance of the Agreement ITER Parties: Ratify or Accept the signed Agreement and its Entry into Force **ITER Parties: Establish international ITER Organization**



>Priority negotiation issues include:

- SITE SELECTION: Completed June 28, 2005.
- LEGALITIES AND ORGANIZATION: The need continues to finalize the international ITER Agreement and obtain approval from all parties' government systems, appoint a Director General, and establish the ITER Organization.



The Energy and Water Subcommittee approved HR 2419, the fiscal year 2006 Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill. The bill provides an increase of \$233 million above the President's request for the Office of Science.

Office of Science Highlights:

The House bill provides \$3.67 billion for scientific research, which is... \$203 million above the President's request \$66 million above the current year level

- Provides an additional \$22,000,000 to maintain high energy physics at the fiscal year 2005
- additional \$39,000,000 is provided to support the Office of Science initiative to develop the hardware, software, and applied mathematics necessary for a leadership-class supercomputer to meet scientific computation needs
- Fully funds the Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge
- Funds Fusion Energy Sciences at \$296 million.



The Committee recommendation for fusion energy sciences is \$296,155,000, an increase of \$5,605,000 over the budget request but with a significant redirection of funds as outlined below. The Committee is concerned that two-thirds of the proposed increase for the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) would be achieved by reducing domestic fusion research and operating time on domestic user facilities. Under the proposed fiscal year 2006 budget, operating time at the three major fusion research facilities (DIII-D, Alcator C-Mod, and NSTX) would be reduced from 48 weeks in fiscal year 2005 to a total of only 17 weeks in fiscal year 2006. If the United States expects to be a serious contributor to international fusion research in general and to ITER in particular, the Nation needs to maintain strong domestic research programs and user facilities to train the next generation of fusion scientists and engineers. The Department's proposal to increase support for ITER at the expense of domestic fusion research is unwise and unacceptable. Such an approach is not only short-sighted, but inconsistent with prior Congressional guidance. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department to utilize \$29,900,000 of funding proposed for ITER and the additional \$5,605,000 to restore U.S.based fusion funding to fiscal year 2005 levels as follows: \$7,300,000 for high performance materials for fusion; \$14,305,000 to restore operation of the three major user facilities to fiscal year 2005 operating levels; \$7,200,000 for intense heavy ion beams and fast ignition studies; \$5,100,000 for compact stellarators and small-scale experiments; and \$1,600,000 for theory. As in previous years, the Committee directs the Department to fund the U.S. share of ITER through additional resources rather than through reductions to domestic fusion research or to other Office of Science programs. If the Department does not follow this guidance in its fiscal year 2007 budget submission, the Committee is prepared to eliminate all U.S. funding for the ITER project in the future.





Senate Appropriations Mark (June 14, 2005)

- The Energy and Water Subcommittee approved a fiscal year 2006 Energy & Water Development Appropriations bill.
- The bill provides an increase of \$100 million above the President's request to support the Department of Energy Science facilities, \$240 million above the President's request for the Office of Science...

Office of Science Highlights:

The Senate bill provides \$3.7 billion for scientific research, which is...

\$240 million above the President's request

\$102 million above the current year level

- \$100 million increase is provided to support 100% utilization of all Department of Energy Science facilities.
- The Genomes to Life program is provided \$40 million above the request to accelerate the deployment for four research facilities.
- Initiates Nanotechnology Technology Transfer fund at \$30 million.
- Fully funds the Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge
- Restores funding for domestic fusion research at \$290 million.





Full Senate Appropriations Language (June 16, 2005)



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Estimated Cost/Funding Issues

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	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	FY2012	FY2013	TOTAL
FY06 Cong. Budget	\$49.5M	\$146.0M	\$200.8M	\$207.5M	\$199.3M	\$160.3M	\$126.2M	\$32.4M	\$1.122B

- \$1.122 Billion is a cap imposed by OMB in the FY 2006 President's Budget process.
- Cost estimates and final design will be refined with final site selection, leading to total project cost estimate at CD-2 milestone.
- The international project performance baseline, including a final allocation of in-kind contributions, will be determined upon completion of the ITER agreement. Then the US project performance baseline, Critical Decision-2, will be obtained.

Two DOE Reviews indicate that estimates are reasonable, but international project uncertainties should be considered:



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FY06 President's Budget and Consequences of May/June 2005 Congressional Markups

Fiscal Year	Total Estimated Costs (TEC)	Other Project Costs (OPC)	Total Project Costs (TPC)	
2006	46.0	3.5	49.5 ~21	
2007	130.0	16.0	146.0	
2008	182.0	18.8	200.8	
2009	191.0	16.5	207.5	
2010	189.0	10.3	199.3	
2011	151.0	9.3	160.3	
2012	120.0	6.2	126.2	
2013	<u>29.0</u>	3.4	<u>32.4</u>	
Total	1,038.0	84.0	1,122.0	

 Consequences of the proposed Congressional reduction to ~\$21M for project funding in FY06 are project delay and cost increase due to added escalation and key staff extensions.



After 10 years of operation (2014 to 2024), and, in parallel, operation of materials test facility(ies) we will have the confidence, as well as the physics and technical basis to design a demonstration power plant based on fusion.



Magnetic Fusion Energy Facilities Operation Timeline