

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* December 29, 1999 (64 FR 73099).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated February 1, 2000.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

*Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Hamilton County, Tennessee*

*Date of application for amendments:* October 12, 1999.

*Brief description of amendments:* These amendments revise Technical Specification Section 3.9.4.c, "Containment Building Penetrations," and the associated bases to allow use of administrative controls to unisolate certain containment penetrations during refueling operations.

*Date of issuance:* February 11, 2000.

*Effective date:* As of date of issuance to be implemented no later than 45 days after issuance.

*Amendment Nos.:* 249 and 240.

*Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79:* Amendments revise the technical specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* January 12, 2000 (65 FR 1928).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated February 11, 2000.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

*Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301, Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Town of Two Creeks, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin*

*Date of application for amendments:* June 22, 1999, as supplemented December 17, 1999.

*Brief description of amendments:* The amendments reflect changes to the Technical Specifications in order to incorporate the Westinghouse 422V+ fuel assemblies into the reactor cores.

*Date of issuance:* February 8, 2000.

*Effective date:* As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 45 days.

*Amendment Nos.:* 193 and 198.

*Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27:* Amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

*Date of initial notice in Federal Register:* July 28, 1999 (64 FR 40910).

The December 17, 1999, letter provided clarifying information that was within the scope of the original **Federal Register** notice and did not affect the staff's initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated February 8, 2000.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of February, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

### **Budget Rescissions and Deferrals**

TO THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES:

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report three rescissions of budget authority, totaling \$128 million, and two deferrals of budget authority, totaling \$1.6 million.

The proposed rescissions affect the programs of the Department of Energy and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The proposed deferrals affect programs of the Department of State and International Assistance Programs.

**William J. Clinton**

*THE WHITE HOUSE,*

February 9, 2000.

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Rescission Proposal Number R00-1

**PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY**  
**Report Pursuant to Section 1012 of P.L. 93-344**

**Agency:** DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
**Bureau:** Atomic Energy Defense Activities  
**Account:** Defense Environmental Restoration and Waste Management (89X0242)

**New budget authority:** \$4,467,308,000  
**Other budgetary resources:** 33,105,172  
**Total budgetary resources:** 4,500,413,172

**Amount proposed for rescission:** 13,000,000

**Proposed appropriations language:**

Of the funds made available under this heading in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2000 (P.L. 106-60), \$13,000,000 are rescinded.

**Justification:** Section 308 of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2000, prohibited the use of Defense Environmental Restoration and Waste Management funds for laboratory-directed research and development. The proposal would rescind \$13 million of funds appropriated in 2000 for overhead activities supporting research and development at Environmental Management laboratories that exceed current requirements.

**Estimated programmatic effect:** As a result of the proposed rescission, net Federal outlays will decrease, as specified below.

| Effect on Outlays (in thousands of dollars) |         |         |         |         |         |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| FY 2000                                     | FY 2001 | FY 2002 | FY 2003 | FY 2004 | Total   |
| -9,000                                      | -3,000  | -1,000  | -----   | -----   | -13,000 |

Rescission Proposal Number R00-2

**PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY**  
**Report Pursuant to Section 1012 of P.L. 93-344**

**Agency:** DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY  
**Bureau:** Energy Programs  
**Account:** SPR Petroleum Account (89X0233)

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>New budget authority:</b>      | ---          |
| <b>Other budgetary resources:</b> | \$32,678,652 |
| <b>Total budgetary resources:</b> | 32,678,652   |

**Amount proposed for rescission:** 12,000,000

**Proposed appropriations language:**

Of the funds made available under this heading, \$12,000,000 are rescinded.

**Justification:** These funds were originally appropriated to fund acquisition, transportation, and injection of petroleum into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and for draw-down and distribution of the Reserve. These balances are no longer needed because only *de minimus* oil acquisition, transportation, and injection is occurring. In the event that draw-down and distribution of the Reserve is necessary, authority has been provided to the Department of Energy to transfer balances from other departmental accounts.

**Estimated programmatic effect:** None.

Rescission Proposal Number R00-3

**PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY**  
**Report Pursuant to Section 1012 of P.L. 93-344**

**Agency:** DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT  
**Bureau:** Public and Indian Housing  
**Account:** Housing Certificate Fund (86X0319)

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>New budget authority:</b>      | \$7,176,695,000 |
| <b>Other budgetary resources:</b> | 2,695,437,000   |
| <b>Total budgetary resources:</b> | 9,872,132,000   |

**Amount proposed for rescission:** 103,000,000

**Proposed appropriations language:**

Of the amounts recaptured under this heading from funds appropriated during fiscal year 1999 and prior years, \$103,000,000 are rescinded.

**Justification:** This proposal would rescind \$103 million of obligated balances estimated to be recaptured during 2000. These recaptures will result from the elimination of excess funds available on some long-term section 8 contracts.

**Estimated programmatic effect:** None.

Deferral Number D00-1

**DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY**  
**Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344**

**Agency:** DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
**Bureau:** Other  
**Account:** United States emergency refugee and migration assistance fund <sup>1 2</sup>  
(11X0400)

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>New budget authority:</b>      | \$12,452,000 |
| <b>Other budgetary resources:</b> | 181,737,266  |
| <b>Total budgetary resources:</b> | 194,189,266  |

**Amount deferred for entire year:** 172,857,659

**Justification:** This deferral withholds funds available for emergency refugee and migration assistance for which no determination has been made by the President to provide assistance as required by Executive Order No. 11922. Funds will be released as the President determines assistance to be furnished and designates refugees to be assisted by the Fund. This deferral action is taken under the provisions of the Antideficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1512).

Section 501(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-141) and section 414(b)(1) of the Refugee Act of 1980 (Public Law 96-212) amended section 2(c) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22 U.S.C. 2601) by authorizing a fund to enable the President to provide emergency assistance for unexpected urgent refugee and migration needs.

Executive Order No. 11922 of June 16, 1976, allocated all funds appropriated to the President for emergency refugee and migration assistance to the Secretary of State, but reserved for the President the determination of assistance to be furnished and the designation of refugees to be assisted by the Fund.

**Estimated programmatic effect:** None.

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<sup>1</sup> This account was the subject of a similar deferral in FY 1999 (D99-1).

<sup>2</sup> Subsequent releases have reduced the amount deferred to \$145,309,659.

**DEFERRAL OF BUDGET AUTHORITY**  
**Report Pursuant to Section 1013 of P.L. 93-344**

**Agency:** INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS  
**Bureau:** International Security Assistance  
**Account:** Economic support fund <sup>1</sup> (72X1037, 729/01037, 720/11037) <sup>2</sup>

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| <b>New budget authority:</b>            | \$2,354,156,000            |
| <b>Other budgetary resources:</b>       | 180,397,234                |
| <b>Total budgetary resources:</b>       | 2,534,553,234              |
| <br>                                    |                            |
| <b>Amount deferred for entire year:</b> | 1,449,159,155 <sup>2</sup> |

**Justification:** This deferral withholds funds available for international assistance pending the development of country-specific plans that assure that aid is provided in an efficient manner. Funds also are reserved for unanticipated program needs. This action is taken pursuant to the Antideficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1512).

The President is authorized by the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, to furnish assistance to countries and organizations, on such terms and conditions as he may determine, in order to promote economic or political stability. Section 531(b) of the Act makes the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, responsible for policy decisions and justifications for economic support programs, including whether there will be an economic support program for a country and the amount of the program for each country. This deferral of funds for the Economic Support Fund includes funds for the International Fund for Ireland.

**Estimated programmatic effect:** None.

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<sup>1</sup> This account was the subject of a similar deferral in FY 1999 (D99-2).

<sup>2</sup> The amounts deferred by account are:

|           |                      |
|-----------|----------------------|
| 72X1037   | \$8,132,186          |
| 729/01037 | 35,926,969           |
| 720/11037 | <u>1,405,100,000</u> |
| Total     | 1,449,159,155        |

Subsequent releases have reduced the amount deferred to \$1,440,835,514.