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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 19, 1975

The President

of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider amendments to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$279,100,000 and for the transition period, July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, in the amount of \$44,400,000 for the Energy Research and Development Administration.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

Marsh R. Ford

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

JUL 19 1975

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration amendments to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for 1976, involving an increase in the amount of \$279,100,000 for fiscal year 1976 and an increase of \$44,400,000 for the transition period, July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, for the Energy Research and Development Administration as follows:

ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

Budget		1976	1976	1976	1976
Appendix		Budget	As Amended	Proposed	Revised
Page	Heading	Request	(H.Doc.94-195)	Amendment	Request
755	Operating expenses	3,403,987,000	· 	220,250,000	3,624,237,000
759	Plant & capital equipment	894,717,000	889,717,000	58,850,000	948,567,000
Budget	undult	Transition	Transition	Transition	Transition
Appendi	x	Period Budget	As amended	Period Propo	
Page	Heading	Request	(H.Doc.94-195)	Amendment	
755	Operating expenses	1,017,301,000		41,100,000	1,058,401,000
759	Plant & capital equipment	193,476,000	188,476,000	3,300,000	191,776,000

These proposed amendments are for necessary additional funding to ensure a strong, balanced energy research and development program, to improve safeguards for nuclear weapons and materials, to maintain uranium enrichment production levels, and to provide for new contractual arrangements for uranium enrichment customers. The energy portion of the requested amendments reflects ERDA's reconsideration of the 1976 budget in connection with its development of the energy research and development plan requested by Congress.

I have carefully reviewed the proposal for appropriations contained in this document and am satisfied that these requests are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

James T. Lynn Director