



# NIEHS Congressional Update

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## House Language for NIEHS on FY24 Appropriations

### House FY24 Labor-HHS

- **Urges NIEHS to continue Harmful Algal Blooms Research and invest in the Oceans and Human Health program**

### House FY24 Interior, Environment and related Agencies

- **NIEHS is encouraged to continue its work supporting communities' capacity to respond to pandemics and disasters.**

## Senate Language for NIEHS on FY24 Appropriations to date

### Senate FY24 Labor-HHS

- **Climate Change and Health research**
- **Environmental Exposures and Cancer in Fire Fighters**
- **East Palestine Train Derailment Research and Community Engagement activities**
- **Indoor Air research**

### Senate FY24 Interior, Environment and related Agencies

- **\$2 million in base funds for research for PFAS and other contaminants of emerging concern**
- **Not less than \$1,750,000 to support risk reduction for Native Americans to hazardous metals mixtures from abandoned uranium mine waste**
- **Commends the work of NIEHS Worker Training Program and asks the Institute to continue to prioritize resources and support for the program**

## Minibus Bills Report Language for NIEHS on FY24 Appropriations

### FY24 Labor-HHS

- **None**
- **Senate language to be treated same as in Minibus explanatory statement**

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## Final FY24 Appropriations

- The week of March 4<sup>th</sup>, the House and Senate passed, and the President signed into law 6 of the 12 Appropriations bills (H.R. 4366 or the Minibus)
  - **For NIEHS, the Interior and Environment bill was included in the Minibus, and our Superfund-related programs (SRP and WTP) are funded at \$79,714,000, which is a cut of \$3,321,000 or about 4% below FY23 levels.**
- The week of March 18<sup>th</sup>, the House and Senate passed, and the President signed into law the remaining 6 appropriations bills through the final minibus (H.R.2882)
  - **For NIEHS, the Labor-HHS provision remained flat at FY23 levels for FY2024 at \$913,979,000.**
- **No mention of NIEHS/DOE Worker Training program transfer in the House, Senate, or final Minibus report language**

## Past Language for DOE provision:

- Past language has been under DOE Defense Environmental Cleanup provision in Energy-Water Subcommittee bill:
  - “Within available funds, \$10,000,000 is provided to fund the hazardous worker training program.”

## Original Authority in the FY1992 and FY1993 NDAA (P.L. 102-190):

- Sec. 3124
- “Funds appropriated pursuant to this title may be transferred to other agencies of the Government for the performance of the work for which the funds were appropriated, and funds so transferred may be merged with the appropriations of the agency to which the funds are transferred.”
- Sec. 3131
- “(2)(B) The Secretary shall give preference in the award of grants under this section to employee organizations and joint labor-management training programs that are grant recipients under section 126(g) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (42 USC 9660a).”

## FY2025 President's Budget

- President Biden released his FY25 Budget on March 11, 2024.
- For the **Labor-HHS** portion of the NIEHS budget, the President's FY25 Budget proposes \$916,791,000.
  - **\$2,984,000 increase (or 0.3%)** over FY23 and FY24 enacted levels
- For the **Interior and Environment (NIEHS Superfund related programs)** portion of the NIEHS budget, the President's FY25 Budget proposes \$83,035,000,
  - \$3,321,000 or about a 4% increase over FY2024 levels signed into law on March 9, 2024.
  - **This FY25 budget proposal is flat from FY23 enacted levels.**





## Friends of NIEHS



### Membership:

- Non-Health Professional Societies
- Environmental Advocacy Organizations
- Research Toxicology, Laboratory, and Educations Organizations
- Patient/disease focused Research Organizations and Foundations
- Health Professional Societies
- Business

Friends of NIEHS is a broad coalition of organizations, representing public and environmental health, environment, children's, women's and medical communities, support, follow and call attention to the vital work being done by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

## Friends of NIEHS Meetings and Activities

- Monthly Meetings (Zoom)
- Annual Meeting with the NIEHS Director
- One to two Congressional briefings a year
- Send letters of support for NIEHS Appropriations to the Hill
- Hill Day with NIEHS Researchers and some of FNIIEHS member groups



**Friends of NIEHS website:** <https://www.friendsofniehs.org/>



***Thank you!***

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