

*Partnership Research.*—The Committee encourages the Agency to continue leveraged partnerships with not-for-profit institutions that often partner with the Agency, industry, and affected stakeholders to produce independent science and evaluate the effectiveness of environmental regulations relating to unconventional oil and gas development. The study should be used to provide credible science, of national scope, relating to unconventional oil and gas development. Within available funds, the Agency is directed use at least \$1,000,000 to partner on such a study during fiscal year 2018.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS AND MANAGEMENT

Appropriations, 2017 .....	\$2,597,999,000
Budget estimate, 2018 .....	1,717,484,000
Committee recommendation .....	2,480,543,000

The bill provides \$2,480,543,000 for environmental programs and