
Other Defense Activities

Other Defense Activities
Proposed Appropriation Language

For Department of Energy expenses, including the purchase, construction, and acquisition of plant and capital equipment and other expenses, necessary for atomic energy defense, other defense activities, and classified activities, in carrying out the purposes of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), including the acquisition or condemnation of any real property or any facility or for plant or facility acquisition, construction, or expansion, \$1,184,721,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That of such amount, \$352,979,000 shall be available until September 30, 2028, for program direction.

Other Defense Activities
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FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted
1,107,000	1,170,000	1,184,721	+14,721

Overview

The Other Defense Activities appropriation funds elements that relate to and support the defense-oriented activities within the Department. These include Environment, Health, Safety and Security (EHSS), Enterprise Assessments (EA), Specialized Security Activities (SSA), Legacy Management (LM), Hearings and Appeals (OHA), and Defense Related Administrative Support (DRAS). Funding from DRAS is used to offset administrative expenses for work supporting defense-oriented activities.

Highlights and Major Changes in the FY 2027 Budget Request

- **Legacy Management-** Provides funding for long-term stewardship and maintenance of legacy sites, preparing for the transition of new sites, accelerating maintenance and resilience improvements, safeguarding hazardous features, supporting former worker benefits, strengthening cybersecurity to address known vulnerabilities, enabling beneficial land reuse, conducting community outreach, and covering federal workforce salaries and operational costs.
- **Environment, Health, Safety and Security-** Supports integrated safety management, worker health programs, and strengthened security policies—while modernizing IT and cybersecurity—to protect DOE personnel, facilities, and critical energy and nuclear assets and advance national priorities in science, energy independence, and nonproliferation.
- **Enterprise Assessments-** Conduct comprehensive independent security performance assessments.
- **Hearings and Appeals-** Conduct hearings, investigations and proactively provide Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) services, training, education and mediations.

Other Defense Activities
Funding by Congressional Control (\$K)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted	
				\$	%
Office of Enterprise Assessments	94,154	86,154	88,815	+2,661	+3%
Specialized Security Activities	377,000	441,000	471,082	+30,082	+7%
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	231,263	230,463	231,940	+1,477	+1%
Office of Hearing and Appeals	5,499	4,499	5,023	+524	+12%
Legacy Management	196,302	198,208	200,386	+2,178	+1%
Defense Related Administrative Support	202,782	209,676	187,475	-22,201	-11%
Total, Other Defense Activities (Net)	1,107,000	1,170,000	1,184,721	+14,721	+1%

**Environment, Health, Safety and Security
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FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted
231,263	230,463	231,940	+1,477

Mission

The Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security (EHSS) serves as the Department of Energy’s (DOE) central organization with enterprise-level responsibilities for health, safety, environment, and security. In this capacity, and on behalf of the Secretary of Energy (Secretary) and Deputy Secretary of Energy (Deputy Secretary), EHSS establishes, sustains, and continuously improves the unified operating baseline for these disciplines across the DOE. EHSS enables mission execution within DOE’s self-regulatory framework to ensure consistent, standards-based performance, encompassing policy development, technical assistance, safety analysis, and corporate safety and security programs. EHSS fulfills statutory responsibilities and provides enterprise risk insights regarding environment, health, safety, and security mission risk, public and worker protection considerations, and vulnerabilities affecting national security.

Overview

EHSS strengthens mission performance across DOE by embedding safety, security, environmental protection, and risk management into operational decision-making, ensuring reliable execution while protecting people, assets, and national interests. This is accomplished by maintaining corporate-level policies, foundational standards, and providing implementation guidance that allows tailoring to meet program- and mission-specific needs. EHSS also shares operating experience, lessons learned, and best practices and delivers technical assistance and mission support services to line management to improve performance, reduce enterprise risk, and enhance operational reliability as DOE’s environment, health, safety, and security center of expertise. EHSS establishes the foundational environment, health, safety, and security frameworks on behalf of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary for the entire DOE complex enabling consistent protection across all mission areas.

**Environment, Health, Safety and Security
Funding by Budget Control (\$K)**

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted	
				\$	%
Program	144,705	141,908	150,761	+8,853	+6%
Program Direction	86,558	88,555	81,179	-7,376	-8%
Total, Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security	231,263	230,463	231,940	+1,477	1%

Environment, Health, Safety and Security

Overview

EHSS acts as the Department's central organization with enterprise-level responsibilities for health, safety, environment, and security. EHSS executes its mission on behalf of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary to support the DOE's federated model by providing a unified operating baseline for these disciplines. This baseline, along with our technical expertise, ensures the safety of DOE personnel, the public, and the environment. Central to this role is the establishment and maintenance of departmental safety and environmental policies and foundational standards, with implementation guidance that supports tailoring to program- and mission-specific needs. EHSS assists DOE offices and laboratories through site-specific activities, manages corporate-wide services such as laboratory accreditation and accident investigation, and maintains databases to analyze health and safety performance for senior management. These programs also provide technical support for DOE-wide safety and environmental initiatives, including the DOE Federal Occupational Safety and Health program, environmental management systems, and control programs for equipment reuse and radiological release. These efforts are integrated with mission activities to optimize protection and effective implementation across the DOE complex.

Furthermore, EHSS leads the Department's contributions to external worker health initiatives. These include supporting the Department of Labor (DOL) in implementing the *Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act* (EEOICPA), the Former Worker Medical Screening Program, and radiation health studies in Japan. Through these efforts, EHSS helps evaluate and document health effects, informing national and international worker protection policies and standards.

The DOE's security framework, developed and overseen by EHSS on behalf of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, is a multi-faceted program designed to safeguard national security and protect vital assets across the DOE complex. It encompasses the strategic implementation of safeguards and security programs, establishing policies for physical, personnel, information security, and ensuring accountability for nuclear materials. EHSS also provides executive protection for the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, and as well as protective security services for DOE Headquarters facilities. These programs are designed with a tailored approach to provide cost-effective security measures based on asset criticality, with specialized assistance extended to DOE programs, sites, and laboratories. EHSS actively manages and modernizes corporate security information management systems to proactively identify and mitigate potential risks and enhance operational resilience.

Highlights of the FY 2027 Budget Request

In FY 2027, EHSS will continue: (1) Developing cost-effective solutions for achieving best-in-class safety performance founded on integrated safety management and enhanced through concepts such as safety culture and environmental management systems, leveraging advanced analytics and modernized information systems for proactive risk identification and mitigation (2) Honoring the national and DOE commitment to current and former workers through cost-effective implementation of the former worker medical screening program and support to DOL for the implementation of EEOICPA, and (3) Developing comprehensive, reasonable, and cost-effective security policies and operational guidelines to assure that the Nation's nuclear and energy assets and DOE's personnel and facilities are secure from internal and external threats. This includes aggressive modernization of our Information Technology (IT) systems aligned with mandates for enhanced cybersecurity, zero trust architecture, and secure software supply chains, to safeguard critical infrastructure against increasingly sophisticated cyber campaigns. These efforts directly support the Nation's strategic goals of maintaining global leadership in science and technology, advancing energy independence, and strengthening global non-proliferation efforts by protecting the integrity of DOE's programs and capabilities, regardless of their specific mission area.

Environment (\$2.4 million)

Environmental activities support DOE's resource and energy efficiency, and environmental compliance. Funding supports policy development for sustainable management of natural and cultural resources, performance tracking, and DOE's conservation efforts. These activities also fund coordination and technical analyses to represent DOE with external agencies, aiming to develop cost-effective ways to meet environmental and public protection objectives, including identifying and characterizing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) use. Additionally, these activities support the development of guidance and tools for practical consensus standards, programs that ensure data quality, appropriate computer codes, and the development of plans, models, and guidance for radiological and nuclear-related emergencies.

Health (\$48.8 million)

The health program encompasses domestic research, the Employee Compensation Program, the Former Workers Program, and international initiatives. Domestic research includes health studies on DOE workers and communities, assistance to DOE programs, support for national radiological event response, and contributions to international disease outbreak efforts. It maintains key data resources like the Beryllium Associated Worker Registry and the Million Person Radiation Workers and Veterans Study. The Employee Compensation Program supports DOL in implementing the EEOICPA program by providing employment, exposure, and facility information for compensation claims. The Former Workers Program offers medical screenings to former DOE and beryllium vendor employees to identify work-related health conditions, as mandated by the *National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993* (Public Law 102-484), referring eligible workers for compensation. Internationally, the program supports the Radiation Effects Research Foundation for studies on atomic bombing survivors, informing DOE radiation protection standards, and provides medical surveillance and environmental monitoring for Marshallese citizens affected by U.S. nuclear weapons testing as mandated by the *Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2024* (Public Law 118-42).

Safety (\$13.2 million)

The safety program encompasses both nuclear safety and worker safety. Nuclear safety activities establish and maintain nuclear safety policies to protect workers, the public, and the environment from hazards in DOE nuclear facilities. This includes general facility safety requirements and oversight of DOE nuclear operations. The program maintains a DOE-wide nuclear safety research and development program to coordinate nuclear safety science and technology. Worker safety and health policies establish safe work practices for best-in-class safety performance. Funding supports standards maintenance and development, technical assistance to DOE programs, safety culture improvements, corporate health and safety programs, and IT systems. Operational data is collected and analyzed to improve safety performance and cost-effectiveness. The Employee Concerns Program addresses employee concerns related to environment, health, safety, security, at DOE and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) facilities.

Security (\$86.3 million)

The security program includes classification, declassification, and controlled information activities; comprehensive security operations for personnel and facilities in the National Capital Region (NCR); security investigations; security operational support; security policy and continuous security to the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and other designated officials as assigned by the Secretary.

The classification and declassification of nuclear weapons-related information prevent proliferation, adhering to Executive Order 13526, *Classified National Security Information*. This program leverages the continuously sustained and modernized Electronic Classification Guide System (eCGS) to standardize and manage classification guidance across the enterprise. eCGS, a vital IT system, protects sensitive information while facilitating controlled sharing across the DOE's federated complex, ensuring consistent standards and directly supporting national security.

Security investigations rely on efficient, continuously modernized IT systems for background checks conducted by the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, for personnel requiring access to classified information or special nuclear material. Funding supports government-wide security clearance reforms, as mandated by the Atomic Energy Act and Executive Order 12968, *Access to Classified Information*. This activity manages DOE access authorizations based on 10 C.F.R. 710, integrating advanced Personal Identity Verification technologies for Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 badges requirements.

Headquarters security operations provide a comprehensive safeguards and security program for the physical protection of the three DOE facilities in the NCR. The Office of Executive Protection (OEP) provides continuous security to the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and other designated officials assigned by the Secretary to ensure the safety, security, and operational continuity of DOE leadership and sensitive operations. OEP mitigates risks such as threats, harassment, and physical harm, ensuring DOE leadership can perform their duties without undue disruption or fear for their safety.

Security support provides technical expertise for policy development, DOE operations assistance (including Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence (FOCI) analysis), and critical security technology research and development. It also manages corporate-level programs like the Human Reliability Program (10 C.F.R. 712, *Human Reliability Program*) and an information control program. These functions demand sustained investment in advanced security operations centers, secure data analytics platforms, and resilient OT/IT infrastructure. The program proactively supports continuity of government and mission assurance requirements in accordance with Presidential directives, guaranteeing the integrity and availability of essential systems. EHSS also provides support to the Executive Secretariat and Program Manager of the DOE Special Access Program Oversight Committee (SAPOC), safeguarding highly sensitive classified programs through secure, advanced information management.

Environment, Health, Safety and Security
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	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request
Environment	3,357	2,407	2,407
Health	50,161	48,850	48,850
Safety	11,186	12,210	13,252
Security	80,001	78,411	86,252
Total, Environment, Health, Safety and Security	144,705	141,908	150,761

Explanation of Changes for Environment, Health, Safety and Security

Environment: Continuation of all FY 2026 activities.

Health: Continuation of all FY 2026 activities.

Safety: Funding increase reflects reprogramming of funds from Program Direction to Program to support IT support services, development, and modernization of worker safety related EHSS managed IT systems and databases such as the Radiological Source Registry Tracking (RSRT) database, Health and Safety Issue Tracker (HSIT), Occurrence Reporting and Processing System (ORPS), and the Computerized Accident/Incident Reporting System (CAIRS). This realignment ensures that the funding for these IT systems is directly associated with the mission office holding the requirement.

Security: Funding increase reflects reprogramming of funds for the OEP procurements and activities that safeguard the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and other designated officials from Program Direction to Program funding to align the offices funding profile with other EHSS mission offices. Additionally, funding increase reflects reprogramming of funds to support, develop, and modernize security related EHSS managed IT systems and databases from Program Direction to Program funding. Such systems include, but are not limited to, Foreign Ownership, Control, or Influence (eFOCI), Safeguards and Security Information Management Systems (SSIMS), Foreign Access Tracking System (FACTS), DOE Integrated Security System (eDISS), and other similar systems providing the DOE with comprehensive management applications. This realignment ensures that the funding for these critical IT systems is directly associated with the mission offices holding the requirement. Finally, FY 2027 funding levels incorporate the transfer of the DOE Insider Threat Program from EHSS to the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence (IN). This transfer streamlines insider threat capabilities under a single intelligence and counterintelligence lead, enhancing the overall effectiveness and coordination of DOEs security posture by centralizing this critical function.

Program Direction

Overview

Program Direction provides Federal staffing and mission support services for the execution of the EHSS mission of conducting DOE activities in the areas of environment, health, safety, and security, as well as technical assistance, analysis, and corporate programs. To achieve this vision, EHSS maintains a highly qualified workforce with the expertise and skills necessary to support, manage, and conduct its mission. This essential funding category underpins all EHSS functions, ensuring DOE has expert personnel and critical infrastructure to effectively oversee complex environment, health, safety, and national security matters.

Salaries and Benefits: Funding to support federal employee salaries and benefits. This request ensures that EHSS can attract and retain qualified professionals who are dedicated to implementing EHSS's mission. These personnel constitute the core expertise providing enterprise-level policy development, technical guidance, and oversight critical to the safety and security of DOE's diverse operations.

Travel: Support the management and conduct of environment, health, safety, and security programs for DOE, as well as the OEP travel for the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and other designated officials assigned by the Secretary.

Technical Support Services: EHSS leads Department-wide coordination with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) to ensure effective leadership engagement, transparency, and timely resolution of safety and management issues identified through DNFSB activities. This includes managing the Department's response to DNFSB recommendations and technical concerns; coordinating the preparation of reports, briefings, and data requests; facilitating DNFSB access to facilities, personnel, and information; integrating technical evaluations across DOE and NNSA program offices; supporting field elements in addressing identified issues; and monitoring complex-wide performance to promote sustained improvement in nuclear safety. The Communications Center provides comprehensive administrative and logistical support functions for EHSS. It assists EHSS program offices with processing official correspondence, including Executive Secretariat and Congressional packages, and ensures proper security for sensitive forms. This centralized coordination ensures consistent communication and adherence to departmental requirements.

Other Related Expenses: Essential resources enable EHSS to execute its Department-wide mission by providing Working Capital Fund (WCF) services, Federal workforce training, and secure IT infrastructure. These capabilities support core administrative and operational functions—including facility support, enterprise IT, communications, and learning systems—as well as specialized EHSS applications and cybersecurity services critical to oversight, analysis, and mission assurance.

Highlights of the FY 2027 Budget Request

The FY 2027 request supports on-board FTEs, to include FTEs required to execute Trusted Workforce (TW) 2.0 and the continuous evaluation initiatives. This budget request also supports OEP travel to provide continuous security to the Secretary. Additionally, the funding ensures that EHSS can provide site and technical support and assistance locally to the programs and sites across the complex to ensure the execution of National and DOE policies.

Explanation of Changes for Environment, Health, Safety and Security

Funding decrease for salaries and benefits correlates to the decrease in FTEs associated with the transfer of the DOE Insider Threat Program from EHSS to IN. The budget request includes funding to support the required level of FTEs to fulfill the EHSS mission. The request supports increased travel costs for the OEP, in addition to increased costs to support the EHSS communications center. Funding decrease for Other Related Expenses reflects reprogramming of funds for the OEP, as well as funds to support, develop, and modernize EHSS managed IT Systems and databases from Program Direction to Program funding.

Program Direction (\$K)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request
Salaries and Benefits	60,492	57,450	56,950
Travel	3,450	4,029	4,029
Technical Support Services	285	285	1,005
Other Related Expenses	22,331	26,791	19,195
Total, Program Direction	86,558	88,555	81,179
Federal FTEs	262	236	234
Total EHSS-funded FTEs	262	236	234

Program Direction Activities and Explanation of Changes (\$K)

FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Explanation of Changes FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Request	
Program Direction	88,555	81,179	-7,376
<i>Salaries and Benefits</i>	<i>57,450</i>	<i>56,950</i>	<i>-500</i>
Funding to support Federal employee salaries and benefits. This request ensures that EHSS can attract and retain qualified professionals who are dedicated to implementing EHSS's mission.	Continuation of all FY 2026 activities. Provides funding for 234 FTEs	The reduction of funds is caused by the transfer of 2 FTEs associated with the Insider Threat Program transfer to the Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence.	
<i>Travel</i>	<i>4,029</i>	<i>4,029</i>	<i>-</i>
Support the management and conduct of environment, health, safety, and security programs for DOE, and support OEP travel for the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and other designated officials assigned.	Continuation of all FY 2026 activities.	No changes.	

Support Services

285

1,005

+720

EHSS leads Department-wide coordination with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) to ensure effective leadership engagement, transparency, and timely resolution of safety and management issues identified through Board activities. This includes managing the Department's response to Board recommendations and technical concerns; coordinating the preparation of reports, briefings, and data requests; facilitating Board access to facilities, personnel, and information; integrating technical evaluations across DOE and NNSA program offices; supporting field elements in addressing identified issues; and monitoring complex-wide performance to promote sustained improvement in nuclear safety.

Continuation of all FY 2026 activities related to the DNFSB and the EHSS Communication Center. Additional funds in FY 2027 support the Communications Center which provides comprehensive administrative and logistical support functions for EHSS. It assists EHSS program offices with processing official correspondence, including Executive Secretariat and Congressional packages, and ensures proper security for sensitive forms. This centralized coordination ensures consistent communication and adherence to departmental requirements.

The increase in Technical Support Services is attributed to the addition of costs associated with support services personnel supporting the Communications Center team.

Other Related Expenses

26,791

19,195

-7,596

Essential resources enable EHSS to execute its Department-wide mission by providing Working Capital Fund (WCF) services, Federal workforce training, and secure information technology infrastructure. These capabilities support core administrative and operational functions—including facility support, acquisition services, enterprise IT, communications, and learning systems—as well as specialized EHSS applications and cybersecurity services critical to oversight, analysis, and mission assurance. Funding also supports OEP procurements and activities necessary to ensure the protection and continuity of operations for the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and other designated officials.

Continuation of all FY 2026 activities apart from specialized EHSS IT system modernization, development and support, and OEP mission costs.

The reduction in Other Related Support Services is attributed to reprogramming specialized EHSS IT system modernization, development and support for safety programs and security programs, as well as funding that supports the OEP to Program funding. The reduction also reflects shifting funds to Technical Support Services to properly fund the Communications Center.

**Office of Enterprise Assessments
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FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted
94,154	86,154	88,815	+2,661

Mission

The Office of Enterprise Assessments supports the Secretary of Energy and other stakeholders by enhancing the Department of Energy’s safety, security, and cybersecurity programs. We do this through independently evaluating the effectiveness of requirements, performance, and risk management; conducting objective and effective enforcement activities; and providing high-quality training.

Overview

The Office of Enterprise Assessments (EA) supports the Department’s mission priorities and strategic plan for the secure, safe, and efficient operation of the nuclear weapons complex, science and energy research, and environmental cleanup activities by conducting independent assessments of security and safety performance throughout the Department, holding contractors accountable for violations of security and safety regulations, and providing training programs that institutionalize enterprise security and safety lessons learned.

EA’s FY 2027 request will focus on the following priorities and challenges:

- Conducting comprehensive independent security performance assessments and follow-up assessments
- Enhancing the methods and tools used to conduct comprehensive, and threat-informed independent cybersecurity assessments
- Conducting nuclear safety, worker safety and health, and emergency management independent performance assessments
- Enhancing the effectiveness of the DOE enforcement function
- Developing and providing training programs via the National Training Center (NTC)

**Office of Enterprise Assessments
(\$K)**

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted	
				\$	%
Nuclear Safety Assessments	7,383	6,383	7,044	+661	+10%
Enforcement	479	479	479	-	-
Security and Safety Training	22,160	20,160	24,660	+4,500	+22%
Program Direction	64,132	59,132	56,632	-2,500	-4%
Total, Office of Enterprise Assessments	94,154	86,154	88,815	+2,661	+3%

Enterprise Assessments

Overview

The EA Program provides for the assessment of DOE performance in nuclear safety; implementation of the statutorily authorized contractor enforcement programs for information security, nuclear safety, and worker health and safety; development and administration of security and safety training that reflects the most current Departmental policy and lessons learned from enforcement investigations, independent assessments to enhance performance of the Department, and data analysis in support of improved DOE security and safety performance.

Highlights of the FY 2027 Budget Request

The FY 2027 Budget Request of \$88,815,000 maintains critical support to safety and security assessments, DOE and NNSA enforcement, along with security and safety training focusing on the following activities:

Nuclear Safety Assessments (\$7.044 million)

Provides for the planning and execution of independent assessments of DOE high hazard nuclear facility construction projects (as required under Sec. 303 of annual appropriations legislation) and nuclear facilities and operations to determine performance compared with nuclear safety requirements and standards contained in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 830, *Nuclear Safety Management*, and related DOE directives. This request includes an additional \$661,000 to expand assessment coverage and strengthen the technical expertise needed to meet these statutory and regulatory requirements.

Enforcement (\$4.79 million)

Provides the Department with the capability to implement the DOE contractor enforcement programs specified in 10 C.F.R. Part 824, *Procedural Rules for the Assessment of Civil Penalties for Classified Information Security Violations*; 10 C.F.R. Part 820, *Procedural Rules for DOE Nuclear Activities*; 10 C.F.R. Part 851, *Worker Safety and Health Program*, and 10 C.F.R. Part 1017, *Identification and Protection of Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information*. The goal of this activity is to enable safe and secure accomplishment of the Department's mission by promoting DOE contractor adherence to classified and unclassified controlled nuclear information security, nuclear safety, and worker safety and health requirements.

Security and Safety Training (\$24.660 million)

Security and safety training activities provide the Department a means to improve security and safety performance by developing and maintaining the proficiency and competency of DOE security and safety contractors and Federal employees. These activities also improve senior executives' performance and capabilities to fulfill security and safety leadership responsibilities through standardized training for the security of critical Departmental and national security assets, the safety and health of the workforce, and the protection of the public and the environment. The DOE National Training Center (NTC), located in Albuquerque, New Mexico, serves as the primary resource for DOE security and safety training for Federal and contractor employees. For many years, the NTC operated under a flat budget, resulting in deferred maintenance needs the increased funding now allows the NTC to address overdue maintenance requirements. Funding provides for operation and maintenance of the NTC campus and the development and presentation of various security and safety training and certification programs at the NTC, through e-learning mechanisms, and at DOE sites via mobile training teams. The NTC certifies certain health and safety training programs for those training programs to be accepted at various DOE sites and contractor organizations, thus reducing or eliminating the need for employees to complete redundant training programs before conducting work at different DOE sites. The NTC also incorporates lessons learned and best practices identified during EA enforcement investigations and independent assessments into its training programs to increase their utility, relevancy, and effectiveness.

Program Direction

Overview

Program Direction provides for Federal staffing and mission support services to provide overall direction and execution of the EA mission to conduct independent assessments of the Department's performance in security, safety, and other areas; implement classified information security, nuclear safety, and worker health and safety contractor enforcement programs; and develop and administer security and safety training that reflects the most current Departmental policy on security and safety issues. Critical to achieving its vision and goals is the ability of EA to maintain a highly qualified workforce with the expertise and skills necessary to support, manage, and conduct its mission. The EA workforce is composed of security and safety professionals highly educated in science, engineering, and technology that are led by effective programs and project managers supported by resource management experts.

Salaries and Benefits support federal employees who provide executive management, programmatic oversight, and analysis for the effective implementation of the EA program. This includes staff at Headquarters and the National Training Center (NTC) to support the overall EA mission. This request ensures that EA can attract and retain qualified professionals who are dedicated to implementing EA's mission.

Travel includes transportation, per diem, and incidental expenses allowing EA to effectively deliver on its mission. Major drivers of travel include the need to conduct enforcement activities and assessments of nuclear safety and security programs, and projects in the field.

Support Services for independent assessment activities provide high value to the Department by assessing performance and identifying gaps and vulnerabilities in physical security, cybersecurity programs, and safety (worker and nuclear safety, and emergency management). Independent assessment activities are selected based on careful consideration and analysis of risk to Departmental operations and performance trends. Safeguards and security, information security, and cybersecurity independent performance assessment activities are designed to determine whether special nuclear materials, classified matter, and controlled unclassified and sensitive information are adequately protected. Safety-related independent performance assessment activities determine whether workers and the public are protected from the hazards associated with the Department's operations and identify conditions that could negatively impact the Department's ability to perform its mission and achieve its goals. Independent assessment activities provide accurate and timely information and analysis to the Department's senior leadership, Department management, congressional committees, and stakeholders, to provide confidence that the Department's operations are performed in a secure and safe manner.

Independent performance assessment activities complement but do not replace DOE line management's responsibility for security, safety, and contract performance management as required by Departmental policies. EA provides a check-and-balance function for the Department that is vital to provide assurance of its security and safety performance to its leadership, its workers, the public and Congress, and to maintain confidence in the Department's ability to be an effective self-regulator. As required by DOE Order 227.1A, Independent Oversight Program, independent assessment activities are performed by personnel who are organizationally independent of the DOE program and site / field offices that develop and implement policies and programs, and who can therefore objectively observe and report on the performance of those policies and programs as they relate to Departmental operations.

Other Related Expenses include working capital fund services; training for Federal employees; information technology equipment and services, the Energy Information Technology Services, and the Working Capital Fund (WCF).

**Program Direction
Funding (\$K)**

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted	
				\$	%
Washington Headquarters					
Salaries and Benefits	27,385	27,385	24,546	-2,839	-10%
Travel	1,170	1,170	1,170	-	-
Support Services	30,438	25,438	25,777	+339	+1%
Other Related Expenses	5,139	5,139	5,139	-	-
Total, Program Direction	64,132	59,132	56,632	-2,500	-4%
Independent Assessments	30,438	25,438	25,777	+339	1%
Total, Support Services	30,438	25,438	25,777	-	-
Other Services	2,191	2,191	2,191	-	-
Training	128	128	128	-	-
WCF	2,820	2,820	2,820	-	-
Total, Other Related Expenses	5,139	5,139	5,139	-	-

Program Direction
Activities and Explanation of Changes
(\$K)

FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Explanation of Changes FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted
Program Direction		
59,132	56,632	-2,500
<i>Salaries and Benefits</i>		
27,385	24,546	-2,839
Provides funding for 100 FTEs	Provides funding for 90 FTEs	This request supports the required FTEs to support the EA mission
<i>Travel</i>		
1,170	1,170	-
Includes transportation, subsistence, and incidental expenses that allow EA to effectively facilitate its mission.	Includes transportation, subsistence, and incidental expenses that allow EA to effectively facilitate its mission	No change
<i>Support Services</i>		
25,438	25,777	+339
Support independent safety, security, and cyber assessments of DOE/NNSA nuclear facilities and programs, develop reports to communicate security and safety performance, and provide lessons learned and trending of assessment results to the NTC to be used to develop or amend security and safety training to enhance performance of the DOE workforce.	Continuation of all FY 2026 activities	No change
<i>Other Related Expenses</i>		
5,139	5,139	-
Working Capital Fund (WCF) fees for administrative services, building costs, equipment, training, IT, and miscellaneous expenses.	Continuation of all FY 2026 activities	No change

**Legacy Management
(\$K)**

FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted
196,302	198,208	200,386	+2,178

Mission

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) protects human health and the environment by providing long-term management solutions at over 100 remediated sites where the federal government operated, researched, produced, and tested nuclear weapons and/or conducted scientific and engineering research. While these sites were remediated and placed in a safe condition, residual hazards remain after cleanup due to technical or physical limitations of the remedial work. As a result, DOE maintains a post-closure obligation to protect human health and the environment after cleanup is completed. LM fulfills this obligation by providing long-term stewardship (LTS) of these sites. In the next five years, LM anticipates adding over 20 new sites to its LTS portfolio.

The LM request provides funding for its core LTS activities including Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance (LTS&M) at its current sites. Funding further enables the Archives and Information Management program, assures post-retirement benefits to former contractor workers, and executes the Department’s Uranium Leasing Program. Other functions include asset management, as well as providing education, communication, and outreach to many affected State, Native American, and local communities.

LM’s mission is to fulfill the Department of Energy’s post-closure responsibilities and ensure the future protection of human health and the environment. DOE has taken significant environmental cleanup steps and continues to protect the outcome of that work with long-term stewardship.

Overview

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LM’s LTS activities foundationally include executing Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance (LTS&M) at remediated sites. In addition to the LTS&M activities, LTS includes evaluating the condition and addressing physical safety hazards of Defense-Related Uranium Mines (DRUM), performing Archives and Information Management (AIM) for LM’s operations and sites, assuring post-retirement benefits to more than 6,500 former DOE contractor employees (Legacy Benefits), and conducting Asset Management (AM), Education, Communication, History, and Outreach (ECHO), and Program Direction (PD) functions.

**Legacy Management
Funding by Budget Control (\$K)**

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted	
				\$	%
Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance	72,847	86,422	91,272	+4,850	+6%
Archives and Information Management	27,311	28,084	28,084	-	-
Legacy Benefits	38,700	35,700	32,900	-2,800	-8%
Asset Management	16,307	16,633	16,633	-	-
Education, Communication, History and Outreach	6,531	8,827	8,827	-	-
Community and Tribal Outreach	11,984	-	-	-	-
Subtotal, Legacy Management	173,680	175,666	177,716	+2,050	+1%
Program Direction	22,622	22,542	22,670	+128	+1%
Total, Legacy Management	196,302	198,208	200,386	+2,178	+1%

Legacy Management

Overview

Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance (LTS&M)

This sub-program includes conducting LTS&M activities at over 100 remediated sites that have been transferred to LM for long-term care under various regulatory frameworks; planning and executing the transition of future sites from cleanup organizations to LM; inventorying over 3,000 DRUM sites and safeguarding hazardous features when practical on public, tribal, and private lands; and sustaining multiple supporting functions. Cross functional supporting areas such as environmental compliance, safety and health, and quality assurance (ESH&Q) are integrated into the daily operations of LM's programs and projects. These also include functions such as the Applied Studies and Technology (AS&T) program which incorporates advancements in science and technology into operations improving LM stewardship capabilities, cost effectiveness, and protectiveness of environmental remedies at LM sites. All these efforts collectively ensure environmental remedies remain protective of human health and the environment.

The funding requested for FY 2027 will allow LM to accomplish regulatory-driven sustainment activities, improvements, and new initiatives. Sustainment activities include soil, water and air monitoring and reporting, long-term treatment of environmental contaminants, maintenance and repair of disposal cells, facility and infrastructure maintenance and repair, management and remediation of contaminated groundwater, maintenance of institutional controls, and security at our sites. They also include the execution of multiple cross-cutting and supporting functions (e.g., ESH&Q) and programs (e.g., AS&T, Groundwater) critical to LTS&M. These are the necessary activities that maintain LTS&M operations and regulatory compliance until final cleanup objectives have been met. Activities related to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Five-Year Review work will also continue for multiple sites including the Rocky Flats site in Colorado, Monticello Mill Tailings site, and contaminated properties in Utah. Major projects include restarting the water treatment system at the Tuba City disposal site in Arizona, repairing substantial erosion controls at the L-Bar disposal site in New Mexico, installing a water treatment unit and associated infrastructure at the Shiprock disposal site in New Mexico, and regrading a disposal cell depression at the Bluewater disposal site in New Mexico to ensure proper runoff. Improvements such as these preserve the integrity of the environmental remedy, fortify institutional controls, and continue to protect human health and the environment at LM sites. New initiatives include engaging with international and intergovernmental delegations to share LTS best practices, radiological survey planning, and characterization field work at the decommissioned Boiling Nuclear Superheater (BONUS) reactor site in Rincon, Puerto Rico, as well as implementing efficiency opportunities, confronting emerging contaminants, and addressing resilience at LM sites. This will ensure regulatory compliance, continuous learning and improvement, and implementation of Departmental planning guidance.

A related cost, directly supporting this activity and embedded within LTS&M site-specific costs, is safeguards and security for LM properties. The costs include protective forces and physical security systems integral to the LTS&M strategies for the Weldon Spring (Missouri) and Fernald Preserve (Ohio) sites.

Archives and Information Management (AIM)

The AIM sub-program encompasses LM's custodianship of legacy physical and electronic records for LM sites, including closed sites at Fernald, Mound, Weldon Spring, and Rocky Flats. It also supports the DOE Office of the Historian by managing federal records related to DOE history and its predecessor agencies. Additionally, the sub-program managers operate and secure LM's information and operational technology (IT&OT) infrastructure and data. Key objectives include managing LM's inherited and mission-related federal records, geospatial and environmental data, and IT systems. These objectives are achieved through continuous monitoring, development, modernization, and enhancement of IT systems, as well as cybersecurity activities.

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Sustainment activities involve managing and maintaining LM's IT infrastructure including hardware, operating systems, and software for accessing electronic records; planning, designing, and maintaining of an IT component to support automated needs (e.g., platforms, networks, servers, printers, applications, dashboards); providing cyber security for LM's unclassified computing networks; and overseeing LM's environmental data. The AIM team also operates and secures LM's OT at multiple sites. These efforts collectively ensure the preservation, protection, and sharing of records and information.

The FY 2027 funding requested supports sustainment activities, improvements, and new initiatives. Sustainment includes responsibility for approximately 112,000 cubic feet of physical records and 4.33 million electronic records, managed in compliance with the Federal Records Act. Custodianship activities encompass responding to Freedom of Information Act, Privacy Act, and other information requests (e.g., DOE stakeholders processing claims under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act), with LM receiving approximately 1,800 formal requests annually.

Improvements and new initiatives include the modernization of LM's collaboration tools and enhancing the Geospatial Environmental Mapping System (GEMS) to ensure the long-term sustainability and operability of a critical mission and stakeholder web-based data sharing system, in compliance with the Geospatial Data Act and the Government Paperwork Elimination Act. Additional improvements allocate resources to address the increased number and complexity of Known Exploited Vulnerabilities. New initiatives involve compliance with Executive Orders.

Cybersecurity and information security activities encompass all processes for securing federal data and systems, including the creation and definition of security policies, procedures, and controls across Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover functions, in accordance with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework.

Legacy Benefits (formerly Pension and Benefit Continuity)

This sub-program fulfills the Department's commitment to former DOE contractor employees who previously worked at sites prior to closure. For sites that have been closed, following the end of active programs and completion of site remediation, LM is responsible for ensuring that former DOE contractor employees, their dependents, and their beneficiaries receive the pensions and post-retirement benefits (PRB) provided under the contractual agreements for the respective sites. Dependent upon the contract provisions for the respective sites, LM funds the contractor's cost of providing retirement benefits to former DOE contractor employees. These retirement benefits include pension plans, health insurance, health reimbursement account stipends, Medicare Part B reimbursement, and life insurance.

The funding requested for FY 2027 will continue to support the administration of PRB (healthcare and insurance) for the following sites: Fernald (Ohio), Grand Junction (Colorado), Mound (Ohio), Paducah (Kentucky), Pinellas (Florida), Portsmouth (Ohio), and Rocky Flats (Colorado). There are more than 6,500 participants, including spouses, covered under the retiree medical plans. The total number of participants in these plans has declined over time as mortality rates have increased.

Asset Management (AM)

This sub-program includes the management of real and personal property; aviation management; beneficial reuse; facility management and security; fleet and emergency management. This sub-program also includes management of mining lease tracts for royalties paid to the U.S. government from uranium and vanadium holdings and production on federal and private lands in Colorado. Mining lease management continues to

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strengthen LM's ability to demonstrate responsible lifecycle mining and supports the production of strategic minerals. Leases include the option for reclamation in lieu of royalties, which allows lessees to perform reclamation activities of legacy or pre-law abandoned mine sites on or near lease tracts in lieu of annual royalty payments. Finally, this includes stewardship responsibilities.

The funding requested for FY 2027 will enable LM to accomplish sustainment activities, improvements, and new initiatives. Sustainment activities include just over 56,000 acres of land and other assets; awarding leases and administering facilities; overseeing fleet; aviation program administration; facilities and infrastructure management; and execution of land beneficial reuse activities. Additionally, sustainment activities include managing processes for preventing and reporting emergencies at LM sites and field offices. These activities include the implementation of several land beneficial reuse activities such as the sale or transfer of real property, habitat and agriculture conservation, and cultural preservation. Also, sustainment activities include the management of DOE's Uranium Leasing Program, stewardship responsibilities, and the LM Field Support Center Program modernization project in Grand Junction, Colorado.

A related cost directly supporting this activity within program-wide asset management costs is safeguards and security for LM properties and emergency management. The costs include protective forces, physical security systems, personnel security, and program management.

Education, Communication, History, and Outreach (ECHO)

This sub-program includes all communication activities to the public, partners, Tribal nations, and stakeholders to share LM's goal of protecting future public health and the environment. These activities ensure these communities are consulted, involved, and informed regarding LM's long-term care solutions.

The funding requested for FY 2027 will allow LM to accomplish sustainment activities, improvements, and new initiatives. LM's successful accomplishment of LTS&M activities depends on connecting and effectively communicating with the public, other government organizations, and key stakeholders, and partnering with 25 Tribal Communities. As a result, sustainment activities include proactive outreach to the above groups through social media, radio, print publications, speeches, in-person presentations, placing stories in traditional media outlets, carefully targeted communications plans, and more.

Improvements and new initiatives include ECHO's continuous enhancements of integrating outreach activities across the organization. Also, improvements include language access such as language interpretative enhancements. Next, improvements include activities such as STEM with LM outreach to communities on or near LM's sites. Lastly, improvements include the integration of public participation specialists to each of the site operations teams. The integration of public participation specialists will help ensure outreach and communication proactively addresses the questions or concerns of affected communities. This is especially important in FY 2027 as the site inventorying phase of the DRUM program ends, the focus will be safeguarding physical hazards. The safeguarding effort will require more face-to-face collaboration, public communication, and relationship building to support the program. Finally, a detailed tracking program gathers information on tribal engagements, events, learning opportunities for staff, and executive orders.

Highlights of the FY 2027 Budget Request

The request supports LM's mission capabilities and its core LTS activities mentioned above. Approximately \$91,272,000 will support LTS&M activities for sites currently under custodianship, support transition activities for over 20 new sites coming to LM over the next five years and accelerate major maintenance and repair projects at sites and field offices. This will also support safeguarding of hazardous physical features at a reduced capacity of DRUM sites on public, Tribal, and private lands. Lastly, it supports appropriate implementation of mitigating actions at LM sites to enhance their resilience.

The remaining \$109,114,000 supports legacy benefits for former DOE contractor workers; deployment and implementation of enhancements to address the increased number and complexity of Known Exploited Vulnerabilities; execution of beneficial land reuse activities at DOE properties to revitalize land and assets; extensive community interaction and outreach to support the LTS mission; and salaries, benefits, and overhead for civilian employees.

Explanation of Changes for Legacy Management

- **Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance:** The increase is primarily due to maintenance and repair projects such as upgrading the water treatment system at the Tuba City site in Arizona, addressing erosion controls at the L-Bar site in New Mexico, installing a water treatment unit and associated infrastructure at the Shiprock site in New Mexico, and regrading a disposal cell depression at the Bluewater site in New Mexico. Repairs and enhancements such as these are necessary to preserve the integrity of environmental remedies, fortify institutional controls, and continue to protect human health and the environment.
- **Archives and Information Management:** Supports maintaining a competitive workforce in supporting Operations and Maintenance associated with LM's existing and expanding site portfolio and the continued efforts to ensure compliance with Executive Orders. The budget increase supports enhancements to environmental geospatial and data management products and tools, ensuring compliance with the Federal Data Strategy; the Geospatial Data Act of 2018; and the 21st Century Integrated Digital Experience Act. These improvements promote data access, integrity, quality, usage and sharing, while strengthening oversight of Operational Technology supporting LM operations.
- **Legacy Benefits:** Decrease reflects the reduction in participants due to the increase in mortality rates.
- **Asset Management:** Supports the efficient modernization of facilities, fleet, physical, and emergency management requirements.
- **Education, Communication, History, and Outreach:** Supports proactive communications and outreach requirements to stay engaged with the public and Tribal governments and address media participation.
- **Program Direction:** Supports the federal workforce, travel, professional support and a working capital fund increase for information technology modernization for a complex site portfolio.

Program Direction

Overview

The LM mission is supported by the federal workforce which provides oversight, policy, and inherently governmental functions (e.g., human capital, facility management, site management, contract administration, and budget management) to the field contractors. Program direction also includes overhead costs associated with Federal personnel such as salaries, benefits, travel, training, administrative support services, Energy IT Services (EITS), and DOE Working Capital Fund (WCF).

Highlights of the FY 2027 Budget Request

This request supports personnel to execute the mission and address complex site management responsibilities.

Program Direction (\$K)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted	
				\$	%
Washington Headquarters					
Salaries and Benefits	16,594	16,098	16,098	-	-
Travel	500	1,000	1,000	-	-
Support Services	2,528	2,515	2,515	-	-
Other Related Expenses	3,000	2,929	3,057	+128	+4%
Total, Program Direction	22,622	22,542	22,670	+128	+1%
Management and Professional Support	2,528	2,515	2,515	-	-
Total Support Services	2,528	2,515	2,515	-	-
Energy IT Services	422	241	241	-	-
WCF	1,931	1,931	2,059	+128	+7%
Other Services	647	757	757	-	-
Total, Other Related Expenses	3,000	2,929	3,057	+128	+4%
Total Federal FTEs	80	75	75	-	-

**Program Direction
Activities and Explanation of Changes
(\$K)**

FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Explanation of Changes FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted
Program Direction		
22,542	22,670	+128
<i>Salaries and Benefits</i>		
<i>16,098</i>	<i>16,098</i>	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue functions to execute LM’s mission and achieve LM’s program goals • Supports 75 FTEs to meet the site management responsibilities such as addressing physical hazards posed by defense-related uranium mines. • Provides 1% cost of living increase to salaries and benefits for 75 FTEs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue functions to execute LM’s mission and achieve LM’s program goals. • Supports 75 FTEs to meet the site management responsibilities to protect human health and the environment after cleanup. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Change
<i>Travel</i>		
<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports mission related travel activities such as surveillance, maintenance, operations, and oversight at complex closed sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports mission related travel activities such as surveillance, maintenance, operations, and oversight at complex closed sites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Change
<i>Support Services</i>		
<i>2,515</i>	<i>2,515</i>	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue effort to prepare more analyses and reports with Federal staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue effort to prepare more analyses and reports with Federal staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Change
<i>Other Related Expenses</i>		
<i>2,929</i>	<i>3,057</i>	<i>+128</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports individual development staff training, procurement of supplies, annual lease agreements, program allocation of EITS and WCF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports individual development staff training, procurement of supplies, annual lease agreements, program allocation of EITS and WCF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase supports additional resources for IT modernization.

Office of Hearings and Appeals
(\$K)

FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted
5,499	4,499	5,023	+524

Mission

The Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) provides adjudicatory and conflict resolution services in a fair, impartial, and efficient manner for DOE programs. OHA supports all DOE strategic goals, especially with regard to operational excellence. The majority of OHA’s work is defense-related and consists of the adjudication of security clearance cases that determine the eligibility of contractor and Federal employees to have access to special nuclear material or classified information.

Overview

OHA operates with three divisions: the Personnel Security and Appeals Division, the Employee Protection and Exceptions Division, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Office. OHA offers fair, timely, impartial, and customer-friendly processes for adjudicating matters pursuant to regulatory authority or special delegation from the Secretary. Such matters include: (i) eligibility for a security clearance; (ii) whistleblower protection for employees of DOE contractors; (iii) Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act appeals; (iv) relief from DOE product efficiency regulations to prevent special hardship; (v) hearings to enforce the energy efficiency standards; (vi) hearings and appeals regarding debts owed by Federal employees to the government; and (vii) other matters that the Secretary may delegate.

Highlights of the FY 2027 Budget Request

OHA’s FY 2027 budget request will fund all of its program direction activities. To that end, OHA will continue to act as a responsible steward of American taxpayer dollars. Despite a continued increase in caseload, OHA will continue to demonstrate timeliness, efficiency and responsiveness with all matters under its jurisdiction that come before it. OHA will continue to conduct almost all hearings, investigations and other matters virtually, in order to eliminate or significantly reduce the need for travel. OHA will decommission and replace its case management database, which will significantly reduce application hosting expenditures. OHA will continue to maintain low case processing times in all its areas of jurisdiction.

Program Direction

Overview

Program Direction provides costs associated with federal workforce staffing to include salaries, benefits, travel, training, and other related expenses. Program Direction funds also provide for costs associated with contractor support services.

Salaries and Benefits funding to support federal employee salaries and benefits. This request ensures that OHA can retain and attract qualified professionals that are dedicated to achieving OHA’s mission.

Travel includes transportation, per diem, and incidental expenses allowing OHA to effectively deliver on its mission to provide adjudicatory and conflict resolution services in a fair, impartial, and efficient manner for DOE programs.

Support Services include contractor support services to perform administrative and analytical tasks in support of OHA’s mission.

Other Related Expenses include DOE’s Working Capital Fund support, Energy Information Technology Services, upgrades and replacements of office furniture and office equipment, commercial credit card purchases, general and advanced training, security clearances, and other miscellaneous expenditures.

Program Direction (\$K)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	FY 2027 Request vs FY 2026 Enacted	
				\$	%
Salaries & Benefits	4,274	3,424	3,798	+374	11%
Travel	100	10	10	-	-%
Support Services	150	90	115	+25	28%
Other Related Expenses	975	975	1100	+125	13%
Total Program Direction	5,499	4,499	5,023	+524	11%

**Program Direction
Activities and Explanation of Changes
(\$K)**

FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request	Explanation of Changes FY 2027 Enacted vs FY 2026 Request
Program Direction		
4,499	5,023	+524
<i>Salaries and Benefits</i>		
<i>3,424</i>	<i>3,798</i>	<i>+374</i>
For 15 FTEs	For 18 FTEs	In FY 2027, OHA anticipates filling all authorized FTEs
<i>Travel</i>		
<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>-</i>
Travel includes transportation, subsistence, and incidental expenses that allow OHA to effectively carry out its mission.	Includes transportation, subsistence, and incidental expenses for both international and U.S. travel that allow OHA to effectively carryout its mission.	Travel costs remain stagnant due to almost all hearings and training being conducted virtually.
<i>Support Services</i>		
<i>90</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>+25</i>
Support Services includes contractor support services.	Support budget, acquisition, business systems, and administrative support needs.	Increase due to projected inflation costs.
<i>Other Related Expenses</i>		
<i>975</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>+125</i>
Includes equipment upgrades and replacements, office furniture, minor construction, commercial credit card purchases using simplified acquisition procedures when possible, and miscellaneous expenditures.	Includes additional required equipment upgrades and replacements for new and existing staff, office furniture, construction, commercial credit card purchases using simplified acquisition procedures, when possible, general and advanced training, and miscellaneous expenditures.	Increase due to additional office space within Forrestal.

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Funding by Site Detail
TAS_0243 - Other Defense Activities - FY 2027
(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request
Argonne National Laboratory			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	1,900	2,879	2,879
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	1,900	2,879	2,879
Total Argonne National Laboratory	1,900	2,879	2,879
Brookhaven National Laboratory			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	25	30	30
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	25	30	30
Total Brookhaven National Laboratory	25	30	30
Fernald Site			
Legacy Management Activities - Defense	11,488	9,300	9,073
Legacy Management	11,488	9,300	9,073
Total Fernald Site	11,488	9,300	9,073
Grand Junction Office			
Legacy Management Activities - Defense	59,694	75,635	80,591
Legacy Management	59,694	75,635	80,591
Total Grand Junction Office	59,694	75,635	80,591
Idaho National Laboratory			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	570	435	435
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	570	435	435
Total Idaho National Laboratory	570	435	435
Kansas City National Security Complex (KCNSC)			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	224	126	126
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	224	126	126
Total Kansas City National Security Complex (KCNSC)	224	126	126
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	295	29	29
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	295	29	29
Total Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	295	29	29
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	2,540	2,480	2,480
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	2,540	2,480	2,480
Total Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	2,540	2,480	2,480
Lexington Office			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	530	530	530
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	530	530	530

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	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request
Total Lexington Office	530	530	530
Los Alamos National Laboratory			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	481	540	540
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	481	540	540
Total Los Alamos National Laboratory	481	540	540
Mound Site			
Legacy Management Activities - Defense	10,274	8,729	7,042
Legacy Management	10,274	8,729	7,042
Total Mound Site	10,274	8,729	7,042
National Energy Technology Lab			
Legacy Management Activities - Defense	1,991	2,007	2,011
Legacy Management	1,991	2,007	2,011
Total National Energy Technology Lab	1,991	2,007	2,011
NNSA Albuquerque Complex			
Enterprise Assessments	300	300	300
Office of Enterprise Assessments	300	300	300
Total NNSA Albuquerque Complex	300	300	300
Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	589	745	745
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	589	745	745
Total Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education	589	745	745
Oak Ridge National Laboratory			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	1,830	1,963	1,963
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	1,830	1,963	1,963
Total Oak Ridge National Laboratory	1,830	1,963	1,963
Office of Scientific and Technical Information			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	167	45	45
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	167	45	45
Total Office of Scientific and Technical Information	167	45	45
Ohio Field Office			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	5	8	8
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	5	8	8
Total Ohio Field Office	5	8	8
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	1,197	290	290

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	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	1,197	290	290
Total Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	1,197	290	290
Pantex Plant			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	0	321	321
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	0	321	321
Total Pantex Plant	0	321	321
Pinellas Site			
Legacy Management Activities - Defense	3,452	3,207	3,092
Legacy Management	3,452	3,207	3,092
Total Pinellas Site	3,452	3,207	3,092
Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant			
Legacy Management Activities - Defense	2,500	2,400	2,300
Legacy Management	2,500	2,400	2,300
Total Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant	2,500	2,400	2,300
Richland Operations Office			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	482	510	510
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	482	510	510
Total Richland Operations Office	482	510	510
Rocky Flats Site			
Legacy Management Activities - Defense	31,195	24,919	24,105
Legacy Management	31,195	24,919	24,105
Total Rocky Flats Site	31,195	24,919	24,105
Sandia National Laboratories			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	7,042	4,859	4,859
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	7,042	4,859	4,859
Total Sandia National Laboratories	7,042	4,859	4,859
Savannah River National Laboratory			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	516	615	615
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	516	615	615
Total Savannah River National Laboratory	516	615	615
Washington Headquarters			
Program Direction - Environment, Health, Safety and Security	86,558	88,555	81,179
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	121,632	121,171	130,024
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	208,190	209,726	211,203

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(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2025 Enacted	FY 2026 Enacted	FY 2027 Request
Program Direction - Office of Enterprise Assessments	64,132	59,132	56,632
Enterprise Assessments	29,722	26,722	31,883
Office of Enterprise Assessments	93,854	85,854	88,515
Specialized Security Activities	377,000	441,000	471,082
Legacy Management Activities - Defense	48,613	47,252	47,260
Program Direction - Legacy Management	22,622	22,542	22,670
Legacy Management	71,235	69,794	69,930
Office Of Hearings And Appeals	5,499	4,499	5,023
Total Washington Headquarters	755,778	810,873	845,753
Weldon Spring Site Office			
Legacy Management Activities - Defense	4,473	2,217	2,242
Legacy Management	4,473	2,217	2,242
Total Weldon Spring Site Office	4,473	2,217	2,242
Y-12 National Security Complex			
Environment, Health, Safety & Security	1,960	1,016	1,016
Environment, Health, Safety, and Security	1,960	1,016	1,016
Total Y-12 National Security Complex	1,960	1,016	1,016
Undesignated LPI			
Defense-Related Administrative Support	202,782	209,676	187,475
Total Undesignated LPI	202,782	209,676	187,475
Total Funding by Site for TAS_0243 - Other Defense Activities	1,107,000	1,170,000	1,184,721