

Second Continuing Resolution Expected to Cut Department of Energy Program Funding by \$44 million – ML Strategies Weekly Energy and Environmental Update

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To avoid governmental shutdown, the House and Senate are committed to passing a second continuing resolution (**H.R. 933**) before the current one expires on March 27. The new continuing resolution (CR) is expected to provide appropriations for Defense, Military Construction, Homeland Security, Agriculture, and Commerce-Justice-State—five out of the twelve unfinished appropriations bills. The Senate's version of the bill would cut Department of Energy (DOE) programs by \$44 million, including:

- \$11 million from the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- \$10 million from the Office of Nuclear Energy
- \$13 from the Office of Science
- \$10 million from the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E)

Additionally, the Senate bill would reduce funding for energy-related programs in the Departments of Defense (DOD) and Interior (DOI), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In other Capitol Hill news, Congressional Democrats released a draft carbon tax bill, and Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) is expected to soon reintroduce a carbon cap-and-dividend bill. For more on the latest energy and clean technology regulatory and legislative developments, please see [ML Strategies'](#) most recent [Energy and Environmental Update](#).

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