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FY2016 Budget Request: Positioned for the 21st Century Mission Delivery

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Administrator Lt. Gen. (Ret) Frank Klotz highlighted the strong support for NNSA in President Obama's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request.

Delivered to Congress today, the FY 2016 President's budget request for the NNSA of \$12.6 billion represents an increase of \$1.2 billion or about 10.2 percent over the FY 2015 appropriations level. It supports key Department of Energy and NNSA priorities including: effective stewardship of the nuclear deterrent; controlling and eliminating nuclear materials worldwide; advancing Navy nuclear propulsion; and strengthening key science, technology, and engineering capabilities.

"The budget represents the Administration's commitment to our mission while advancing the work NNSA does to keep our country safe and to protect our allies," said Administrator Klotz. "NNSA has made commitments to the President, the Congress, and the American people. To meet these commitments, it is vital that we continue investing in the people, capabilities, and facilities needed to successfully carryout that mission."

The President's budget supports efforts to promote the country's security and well-being both at home and abroad, by maintaining a safe, secure, and effective nuclear deterrent as described in the Administration's Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) of 2010. The \$8.8 billion for the Weapons Activities appropriation, a 7.5 percent (\$667 million) increase over the FY 2015 appropriation, ensures we maintain a ready, modern, and capable nuclear force to address any threats we might face, including threats from cyber-attacks. Additionally, \$2.5 billion is requested to modernize the infrastructure, creating a renewed focus on the underlying physical infrastructure and operational readiness for the enterprise.

Following the framework provided by the President's Executive Order on "Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity," and Congress's important cyber security legislation passed in 2014, the request includes \$157.6 million to provide protection against cyber security threats, and to implement a more secure classified computing environment.

The Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (DNN) proposal, at \$1.9 billion, an increase of \$325 million or about 18 percent from FY 2015 levels, continues to secure the most vulnerable nuclear materials worldwide and funds Nuclear Counterterrorism and Incident Response (NCTIR).

The FY 2016 budget supports Administration priorities by securing and eliminating unnecessary proliferation-attractive nuclear and radiological material, developing and fielding technologies to deter or detect nuclear proliferation, implementing international nonproliferation regulatory controls, and working to strengthen international nuclear safeguards and security regimes.

The budget affirms the Administration's commitment to the global effort to address the threat posed by nuclear terrorism. It continues funding the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility at the Savannah River Site at the level of the FY 2015 appropriations pending the outcome of further Congressionally-directed studies to inform the path forward for plutonium disposition.

Technical activities previously funded under Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation Programs are requested under Defense Nuclear Counterterrorism Research and Development and NCTIR. NCTIR and CTCP activities are merged and proposed under the DNN appropriation to better align all NNSA funding for preventing, countering and responding to global nuclear security threats into a single account.

To support the safe and reliable operation of the Navy's nuclear powered fleet and continuation three of major initiatives: Ohio-class Replacement submarine; refueling of the Land-Based Prototype reactor; and the Spent Fuel Handling Recapitalization Project, the budget request includes \$1.4 billion for the Naval Reactors program, an increase of \$142 million or about 11 percent from FY 2015 levels.

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