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## FY2012 Budget Request Includes Critical Investment in Nuclear Security Enterprise

### Press Release

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WASHINGTON, DC – In a video message to the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) workforce, NNSA Administrator Thomas D'Agostino today hailed [President Obama's Fiscal Year 2012 Budget Request](#) for NNSA as a critical investment in building the nuclear security enterprise required to enhance the security of our country and our allies.



The budget request, which was delivered to Congress this morning, provides \$11.78 billion to invest in a modern, 21st century national security enterprise, implement the President's nuclear security agenda, and improve the way the NNSA does business and manages its resources. It represents an increase of 5.1 percent from the \$11.2 billion requested for FY 2011.

"The President's FY 2012 budget request reflects his commitment to investing in a modern enterprise that can support the [full range of nuclear security missions](#), and highlights the vital role NNSA plays in implementing his nuclear security agenda," said Administrator D'Agostino. "Over the past year, we have seen the development of a broad, bipartisan consensus on the role we play in enhancing our nation's security and the resources we need to get the job done. I appreciate the President's strong leadership on nuclear security and I look forward to working with Congress to get this budget passed."

To invest in the future of the nuclear security enterprise, the President's request includes \$7.6 billion for the Weapons Activities appropriation, an 8.9 percent (\$621 million) increase over the President's FY 2011 request. These resources will support, among other things, the operation and construction of the modern research facilities needed to do cutting edge science and attract the next generation of nuclear security experts. It is the first step in implementing President Obama's commitment to invest \$85 billion over the next decade to sustain the nuclear deterrent and to modernize the infrastructure that supports it.

The request includes an increase of 3.1 percent over the FY 2011 level to protect and advance the scientific capabilities at the U.S. national security laboratories and a 21 percent increase for infrastructure improvements, including continuing work on the Uranium Processing Facility at the Y-12 National Security Complex and Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

These vital projects will replace facilities that date back to the dawn of the Cold War with modern facilities that can support the full range of nuclear security missions – including maintaining the nuclear deterrent, preventing proliferation, securing vulnerable nuclear material, powering the nuclear Navy and providing the nation with the best emergency response and counterterrorism capabilities possible. They will also ensure that NNSA can continue to work with the Department of Defense and other interagency partners to keep the nation safe.

The FY 2012 budget request also provides the resources required to implement the President's commitment to secure vulnerable nuclear material around the world within four years. It requests \$2.5 billion in FY 2012 and \$14.2 billion over the next five years to reduce the global nuclear threat by detecting, securing, safeguarding, disposing and controlling nuclear and radiological material, as well as promoting the responsible application of nuclear technology and science. This budget request provides the resources required to meet commitments secured during the 2010 Nuclear Security Summit, including removing all remaining highly enriched uranium (HEU) from Belarus, Ukraine, and Mexico and working with the Defense Department to implement nuclear security Centers of Excellence in China and India.

To power the nuclear navy, the budget request includes \$1.1 billion for the NNSA's Naval Reactors program, an increase of 7.8 percent over the FY 2011 President's Request. This will continue design work on the OHIO class submarine replacement, support the effort to modernize key elements of the infrastructure that supports Naval Reactors program, and refuel the land-based prototype reactor in Upstate New York.

Consistent with the Obama Administration's commitment to delivering on critical national security missions at the best value to the American taxpayer, the FY 2012 budget request will enable NNSA to continue to improve the way it does business and manages resources.

NNSA is increasingly recognized for its efforts to be effective stewards of tax dollars. For example, since 2007, NNSA's [Supply Chain Management Center](#) has saved \$213 million by using new technologies and pooled purchasing power to drive efficiencies across the enterprise.

In the last year NNSA's Kansas City Plant won the prestigious [Malcolm Baldrige Award](#), America's highest honor for innovation and performance excellence, and two major Project Management Institute (PMI) awards. NNSA's Global Threat Reduction Initiative became the first federal project to receive PMI's 2010 [Distinguished Project Award](#), while the National Ignition Facility at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory received [PMI's 2010 project of the year](#).

To download a copy of the FY 2012 Budget Request and watch Administrator D'Agostino's message to the NNSA workforce, visit NNSA's budget page at <http://www.nnsa.energy.gov/aboutus/budget>.

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