

**Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen**  
**Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies**  
**House Committee on Appropriations**  
**Budget Hearing on the Department of Energy's**  
**Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Fossil, and Nuclear Energy accounts**  
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**Opening Statement As Prepared**

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The hearing will come to order.

I'd like to welcome our witnesses, Dr. David Danielson, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Dr. Pete Lyons, Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, and Christopher Smith, Acting Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy.

The three accounts that you oversee total more than \$3 billion per year, more than half of which is for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy. While this is an impressive investment, it is dwarfed by the more than \$20 billion your programs received in the stimulus Act of 2009. It should not go without noting that EERE alone received more than 8 times its regular annual allocation from that one law.

Each of your programs, however, is critical to the competitiveness of this country. We have asked you to appear today as a single panel to give us all a better sense of the Department's planning across all potential energy sources for this country. The Department's justifications for your programs have been historically separate, but such a stove-piped approach obscures the fact that the applied energy programs should be seen as a portfolio of investments.

Generally, we would look to the Department's budget request to get a sense of the approach you're taking across energy sectors, but the request is now more than a month late. I'm told we may not see it until well into April. I must say, gentlemen, that this will make it exceedingly difficult to write our bills in time to avoid another Continuing Resolution for fiscal year 2014, but we will do our best.

I know we all have many questions we'd like to ask, so I'll keep my opening comments short. I look forward to your testimony.

With that, I'll turn to my Ranking Member, Ms. Kaptur, for her comments.

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