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## **HAPPENINGS FROM THE HILL**

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## **SPECIAL REPORT** **FY2006 BUDGET REQUEST FOR OSHA**

President Bush has requested a \$467 million budget for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in fiscal year 2006. The request was announced today. The request represents an increase of \$2.8 million from last year's appropriation and includes increases in state plan compliance assistance programs and data analysis and performance measurement.

The increase is somewhat of a relief to occupational health and safety stakeholders who had heard that the President would be cutting most domestic programs by around one percent and slashing many other programs all together. While the increase does not keep up with inflation, in these times of budget restraint, this may be the best that could be hoped for.

One additional bright spot (if you can call it that) is that the proposal cuts all of the dollars (\$10.2 million) in training grants. This means that all other programs received an increase as they split this money. If history holds true, Congress will restore these training grants, resulting in additional dollars in most of the OSHA programs.

No word yet on how NIOSH or EPA fared in the President's proposal. Inside talk was that NIOSH would take a small hit of a couple of hundred thousand dollars and that EPA would take a much bigger hit. As soon as these figures become available, we will pass them on.

Here is a look at the 2006 proposal:

**BUDGET AUTHORITY – OSHA**  
**(Dollars in Millions)**

	<u>FY2005</u>	<u>FY2006</u>	<u>Change</u>
Safety and Health Standards	\$16.0	\$16.6	\$0.6
Federal Enforcement	169.7	174.3	4.6
State Programs	91.0	92.0	1.0
Technical Support	20.7	21.7	1.0
Federal Compliance Assistance	70.9	73.3	2.4
State Consultation Grants	53.4	53.9	0.5
Training Grants	10.2	-	(10.2)
Safety and Health Statistics	22.2	24.5	2.3
Executive Direction and Administration	10.1	10.7	0.6
Total, OSHA Budget Authority	\$464.2	\$467.0	\$2.8
<i>Full Time Equivalentents (FTEs)</i>	2,208	2,208	

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