Obama Administration reduces nuclear security funding

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The Obama Administration's fiscal year 2013 (FY13) budget request dramatically reduces funding for international weapons of mass destruction (WMD) security programmes from the FY12 appropriated level.

A Partnership for Global Security analysis of the administration's FY2013 spending proposals found that funding for National Nuclear Security Administration programmes are nearly a quarter (23.3%) below the FY12 appropriation. While the Department of Defense's Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) programme is increased slightly overall, CTR's Global Nuclear Security programme is targeted for a 17% cut. Funding within the Department of State is also reduced with cuts to WMD Terrorism, Global Threat Reduction, and Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance programmes.

A summary of the analysis follows.

National Nuclear Security Administration

Down $293.3 million to $960.6million from the FY12 appropriation of $1.2 billion.

- A cut of $206 million to $311 million to International Nuclear Materials Protection and Cooperation programme, including a 65% reduction for the Second Line of Defense sub-programme.
- A cut of $34 million to $466 million for the Global Threat Reduction Initiative, including a 19% cut to the Nuclear and Radiological Material Removal sub-programme.

Department of Defense: Cooperative Threat Reduction programme

Up $10.9 million to $519.1 million from the FY12 appropriation of $508.2 million.

- A cut of $21.3 million for the Global Nuclear Security program to $99.8 million. This programme now accounts for less than 20% of the total CTR budget.
- An increase of $16.9 million over the FY12 appropriation to $276.4 million for the Cooperative Biological Engagement programme to support additional engagement with African nations and continue projects in the former Soviet states and Asia.

Department of State: Selected Global Threat Reduction programmes

Down $12 million to $155.4 million from the FY12 appropriation of $167.4 million.

- A decrease of nearly 10% from the FY12 appropriation for the Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance programme to $55 million.
- A 7% cut to the Global Threat Reduction programme to $64 million from theFY12 appropriation.

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