



NIEHS Legislative Update

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NIEHS Worker Training Program Awardee Meeting

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Congressional Appropriations

	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Enacted	FY21 President's Budget Request	FY2021 House Bill	FY2021 Senate Bill	FY2021 Enacted	Δ Between FY2020 and FY 2021 Enacted
NIEHS	\$774,707,000	\$802,598,000	\$730,147,000	\$809,501,000	\$828,733,000	\$814,675,000	\$12,077,000 (+1.5%)
NIH (LHHS) ^{a/}	\$39,084,000,000	\$41,459,000,000	\$38,693,631,000	\$41,959,000,000	\$43,684,000,000	\$42,934,000,000	\$1,475,000,000 (+3.56%)
Common Fund ^{b/}	\$619,166,000	\$639,111,000	\$596,467,000	\$644,499,000	\$646,912,000	\$648,539,000	\$9,428,000 (+1.48%)
Superfund	\$79,000,000	\$81,000,000	\$73,688,000	\$83,000,000	\$81,500,000	\$81,500,000	\$500,000 (+.62%)
NIEHS/DOE Training ^{c/}	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000		\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	No Change
NIEHS COVID-19 Supplemental (5 year funds, 2020-2024)		\$10,000,000					

a/ Reduced by \$169,000 transfer to the NIH Office of AIDS Research.

b/ Excludes Mandatory Type 1 Diabetes Research and Superfund.

c/ Appropriations Committee report language supporting the transfer of funds from the U.S. Department of Energy's Defense Environmental Cleanup account to NIEHS for the NIEHS/DOE Nuclear Worker Training Program.

Language in FY2021 Omnibus and Supplemental for the NIEHS Worker Training Program

- **National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences FY21 Omnibus/Stimulus Bill Language (+1.5% increase over FY20):**
“For carrying out section 301 and title IV of the PHS Act with respect to environmental health sciences, \$814,675,000.”
- **SRP and WTP FY 21 Omnibus/Stimulus Bill Language (+.62% increase over FY20):**
“For necessary expenses for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences in carrying out activities set forth in section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(a)) and section 126(g) of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, **\$81,500,000.**”
- **SRP and WTP FY21 Interior and Environment Report Language:**
“The agreement provides **\$81,500,000** for the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. The Committees continue the \$2,000,000 increase provided in fiscal year 2020 as base funds in fiscal year 2021 to further the Institute's work on PFAS and other contaminants of emerging concern. Further, of the funds provided, not less than \$1,750,000 shall be allocated to support risk reduction for Native Americans to hazardous metals mixtures from abandoned uranium mine waste.”
- **WTP FY21 Energy Report Language:**
“The agreement provides \$6,426,000,000 for Defense Environmental Cleanup. Within available funds, the Department is directed to fund the hazardous waste worker training program at **\$ 10,000,000.**”

Leaders in the 117th Congress (2021-2022)

House Appropriations Committee		Senate Appropriations Committee	
			
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) <i>Chairwoman</i>	Kay Granger (R-TX) <i>Ranking Member</i>	Patrick Leahy (D-VT) <i>Chairman</i>	Richard Shelby (R-AL) <i>Vice Chairman</i>
House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee		Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee	
			
Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) <i>Chairwoman</i>	Tom Cole (R-OK) <i>Ranking Member</i>	Patty Murray (D-WA) <i>Chairwoman</i>	Roy Blunt (R-MO) <i>Ranking Member</i>

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House Interior & Environment Appropriations Subcommittee		Senate Interior & Environment Appropriations Subcommittee	
			
Chellie Pingree (D-ME) <i>Chairwoman</i>	David Joyce (R-OH) <i>Ranking Member</i>	Jeff Merkley (D-OR) <i>Chairman</i>	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) <i>Ranking Member</i>
House Energy and Commerce Committee		Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee	
			
Frank Pallone (D-NJ) <i>Chairman</i>	Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) <i>Ranking Member</i>	Patty Murray (D-WA) <i>Chairwoman</i>	Richard Burr (R-NC) <i>Ranking Member</i>

Recent Congressional Engagements

New NIEHS Director Introductory Meetings with Appropriations

- September 11, 2020--Majority and Minority Staffs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees' **Labor-HHS Subcommittees**
- September 30, 2020--Majority and Minority Staffs of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees' **Interior and Environment Subcommittees**

FNIEHS Congressional Briefing: Building Resilience in a Changing World: The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences' (NIEHS) Response to Wildfires, Hazardous Materials Incidents, and other Disasters before and during the COVID-19 Pandemic

- Sponsored by the Friends of NIEHS
- Presented on NIEHS's Disasters and Wildfires Portfolio
- Grantees and Partners that also presented:
 - Irva Hertz-Picciotto, PhD (UC-Davis)
 - Elizabeth Del Re, MS, MBA (International Association of Fire Fighters)
 - Bernard L. Fontaine, Jr., CIH, CSP, FAIHA (American Industrial Hygienists Association)

Link to video of the briefing:

<https://www.friendsofniehs.org/media>

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN A CHANGING WORLD:
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
SCIENCES' (NIEHS) RESPONSE TO WILDFIRES, HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS INCIDENTS, AND OTHER DISASTERS BEFORE
AND DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES (NIEHS)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

12:30-1:45 PM, EST

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS ONLINE EVENT:
https://niehs-org.zoom.us/join/register/WN_-6IKC5ggQh5XpWSXy64XAw

PLEASE NOTE: THIS EVENT WILL BE RECORDED.

Leadership in the New Administration

- HHS Secretary: Xavier Becerra –confirmed



- Assistant Secretary for Health- Dr. Rachel Levine- confirmed



- Surgeon General- Dr. Vivek Murthy- confirmed



- NIH Director- Dr. Francis Collins- staying



- Energy Secretary –Jennifer Granholm -confirmed



Biden executive actions: Coronavirus (1/4)

Executive orders are bolded, all other forms of Executive Actions (memorandums, proclamations, discretionary executive actions) remain non-bolded

DATE	EXECUTIVE ACTION	DETAILS
1-20-21	Protecting the Federal workforce and requiring mask-wearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aims to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect federal workers and those that the workforce interacts with ▪ It states that “on-duty or on-site Federal employees, on-site Federal contractors, and other individuals in Federal buildings and on Federal lands should all wear masks, maintain physical distance, and adhere to other public health measures”
1-20-21	Organizing and mobilizing the United States government to provide a unified and effective response to combat COVID-19 and to provide United States leadership on global health and security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Creates the position of Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President and takes steps to prepare the federal government to respond to the ongoing pandemic and potential future threats ▪ Duties of the Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President position include organizing government efforts to reduce disparities in the response, care, and treatment of the virus, coordinating the production, supply, and distribution of vaccines and other supplies ▪ Establishes a National Security Council Directorate on Global Health Security and Biodefense who will be responsible for “monitoring current and emerging biological threats”
1-21-21	Promoting COVID-19 safety in domestic and international travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requires masks to be worn in or on airports, commercial aircraft, trains, public maritime vessels, and intercity bus services ▪ International travelers are required to have proof of a recent negative COVID-19 test before entering the United States and must comply with CDC guidelines concerning recommended periods of self-quarantine and isolation after entry into the country

Biden executive actions: Coronavirus (2/4)

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DATE	EXECUTIVE ACTION	DETAILS
1-21-21	<i>Improving and expanding access to care and treatments for COVID-19</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs the Director of Health and Human Services (HHS) to accelerate the development of COVID-19 therapies, improve the capacity of the nation's healthcare systems, and improve access to quality and affordable healthcare
1-21-21	<i>Extend federal support to governors' use of the National Guard to respond to COVID-19 and to increase reimbursement and other assistance provided to states</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilizes the full capacity of the Federal Government "to protect families, schools, and businesses, and to assist State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments to do the same" Orders the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to reimburse the states for all costs associated with the use of the National Guard
1-21-21	Ensuring an equitable pandemic response and recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force that will provide recommendations to the President for "mitigating health inequities caused or exacerbated by the pandemic and for preventing such inequities in the future"
1-21-21	Ensuring a data-driven response to COVID-19 and future high-consequence public health threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orders the heads of all executive agencies to "facilitate the gathering, sharing, and publication of COVID-19 related data," to allow Federal, State, and local authorities to develop informed decision concerning the pandemic

Biden executive actions: Coronavirus (3/4)

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1-21-21	<i>Supporting the reopening and continuing operation of school and early childhood education providers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide states and schools with evidence-based guidance to assist in decisions on reopening, safely conducting in-person learning, and mitigation efforts such as cleaning, masking, etc.
1-21-21	Protecting worker health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orders the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health to provide revised guidance to employers on workplace safety during the pandemic, consider whether temporary COVID-19 standards are necessary, and to conduct an outreach campaign to inform workers and their representatives of their rights
1-21-21	Establishing the COVID-19 pandemic testing board and ensuring a sustainable public health workforce for COVID-19 and other biological threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board which is tasked with creating a national testing and public health workforce strategy, expanding the supply of tests, and increasing laboratory testing capacities
1-21-21	Sustainable public health supply chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs the federal government to take actions to secure necessary supplies for responding to the pandemic Authorizes the Defense Production Act to fill any shortfalls in personal protective equipment and the resources necessary to produce and distribute tests and vaccines

Biden executive actions: Climate (1/2)

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DATE	EXECUTIVE ACTION	DETAILS
1-20-21	<i>Protecting public health and the environment and restoring science to tackle the climate crisis</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Directs all executive departments and agencies to “immediately review and...take action to address the promulgation of Federal regulations and other actions during the last 4 years that conflict with these important objectives, and to immediately commence work to confront the climate crisis” ▪ Under the EO a temporary moratorium has been established on all land leasing transactions in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for drilling ▪ Restores Obama administration policy on the withdrawal of certain offshore areas in the Arctic and the Bering Sea from oil and gas drilling ▪ Revokes the 2019 permit for the Keystone XL pipeline ▪ Establishes an “Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases”
1-20-21	<i>Paris Climate Agreement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ President Biden accepts the Paris Agreement on behalf of the United States reentering the climate deal that President Trump had pulled America out of

Biden executive actions: Climate (2/2)

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DATE	EXECUTIVE ACTION	DETAILS
1-27-21	Tackling the climate crisis at home and abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elevates climate considerations to an essential element of United States foreign policy and national security decisions ▪ Creates the position of Special Presidential Envoy for Climate to elevate issues of climate change ▪ Establishes a National Climate Task Force to organize and deploy a government-wide approach to tackling the climate crisis ▪ Halts the issuing of new oil and gas leases on public land or in offshore waters ▪ Aims to create a carbon pollution-free sector by 2035, and achieve emission-free government vehicle fleets
1-27-21	President's council of advisors on science and technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishes the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology • The council will advise the President on various policy subjects, including science, technology, and innovation
1-27-21	Restoring trust in government through scientific integrity and evidence-based policymaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasks the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy with ensuring the highest level of integrity in all aspects of the executive branch relating to scientific and technological processes
2-4-21	<i>Rebuilding and enhancing programs to resettle refugees and planning for the impact of climate change on migration</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orders the secretary of state, secretary of defense, secretary of homeland security, and the heads of multiple other executive agencies will draft a report on climate change and its impact on migration

Biden executive actions: Equity (1/5)

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1-20-21	<i>Advancing racial equity and support for underserved communities through the federal government</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This EO was a directive by the Biden administration that the Federal government take a comprehensive approach to advancing equity for all, as well as advancing civil rights, racial justice, and equal opportunity ▪ It states agencies must “recognize and work to redress inequities in their policies and programs that serve as barriers to equal opportunity” ▪ Each agency head is responsible for conducting an internal review of whether underserved communities face systemic barriers in accessing the benefits and opportunities associated with each department
1-20-21	<i>Preventing and combating discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reinforces the Biden administration policy to “fully enforce Title VII and other laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation” ▪ Each agency will develop plans, with consultation from the Attorney General, to implement processes that combat overlapping forms of discrimination, and discrimination based on disability
1-25-21	<i>Enabling all qualified Americans to serve their country in uniform</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Revokes the Trump administration policies that barred transgender individuals from serving in the military

Biden executive actions: Equity (2/5)

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1-26-21	<i>Reforming our incarceration system to eliminate the use of privately operated criminal detention facilities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Aims to decrease incarceration levels by reducing the government's reliance on private profit-incentivized criminal detention facilities ▪ "The Attorney General shall not renew Department of Justice contracts with privately operated criminal detention facilities"
1-26-21	Condemning and combating racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue best practices for advancing cultural competency, language access, and sensitivity towards the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities with respect to the Federal Government's pandemic response
1-26-21	Tribal consultation and strengthening nation-to-nation relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reaffirms the policy outlined in the tribal consultation memorandum issued on November 5, 2009, that requires each agency to prepare a detailed plan of action to engage in regular, meaningful, and robust consultations with tribal officials
1-26-21	<i>Redressing our nation's and the federal government's history of discriminatory housing practices and policies</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reaffirms the Biden administration's commitment to securing equal housing opportunities for all, and to eliminate racial bias and other forms of discrimination in all stages of home-buying and renting
2-3-21	National black history month, 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proclaims February 2021 as National Black History Month ▪ Reaffirms the Biden administration's desire to fulfill the promise of equal treatment for all Americans

Biden executive actions: Equity (3/5)

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2-04-21	<i>Advancing the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons around the world</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directs all executive agencies that are engaged abroad to ensure that United States diplomatic efforts and foreign assistance promotes and protects the human rights of LGBTQI+ persons Instructs the Departments of Homeland Security and State to expand efforts to ensure that LGBTQI+ asylum seekers and refugees have equal access to protection and assistance
2-14-21	The establishment of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships that will be responsible for establishing policies and objectives for the federal government's effort to expand the work of community-serving organizations
3-8-21	Establishment of the White House Gender Policy Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes a White House Gender Policy Council within the Executive Office of the President that will focus on advancing gender equality in domestic and foreign policy development, combating systemic bias and discrimination, and increasing female participation in the labor force and decreasing wage and wealth gaps
3-24-21	<i>National Equal Pay Day, 2021</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proclaims March 24, 2021 as National Equal Pay Day. Calls upon all Americans to recognize women's skills and contributions to the workforce in addition to acknowledging the injustice of wage inequality Introduces the Paycheck Fairness Act, which if passed will take important steps towards the goal of ending pay discrimination



Thank You!

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