

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY**

HEARING CHARTER

Thursday, May 5, 2016

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Energy

FROM: Majority Staff, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

SUBJECT: Subcommittee hearing: “Department of Energy Oversight: Office of Fossil Energy”

The Subcommittee on Energy will hold a hearing titled *Department of Energy Oversight: Office of Fossil Energy* on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2318 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Hearing Purpose:

The purpose of this hearing is to examine the research, development, demonstration, and commercialization activities conducted in the Department of Energy’s Office of Fossil Energy (FE). This hearing will also address key management, structure, and policy changes proposed in the FY 2017 Department of Energy budget request.

The FY 2017 overall budget request for Fossil Energy R&D (FER&D) activities is \$600 million, a decrease of \$32 million or 5.1 percent from FY 2016 enacted levels.¹ However, the Department only requests \$360 million in the FY 2017 appropriations, funding the rest of their budget proposal by de-obligating \$240 million from Clean Coal Power Initiative (CCPI) projects that have not reached financial close.²

Witness List

- **The Honorable Chris Smith**, *Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy, U.S. Department of Energy*

Staff Contact

For questions related to the hearing, please contact Emily Domenech of the Majority Staff at 202-226-2179.

¹ U.S. Department of Energy, “FY 2017 Congressional Budget Request: Budget in Brief,” February 2016. Available at http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2016/02/f29/FY2017BudgetinBrief_0.pdf

² U.S. Department of Energy, “FY 2017 Congressional Budget Request: Volume 3,” February 2016. Available at http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2016/02/f29/FY2017BudgetVolume3_2.pdf