

EPA has released its [2010 budget request](#). EPA is seeking \$10.5 billion, which it describes as “the highest level of funding for EPA in its 39-year history,” and which *Science*’s [Erik Stokstad says](#) (subscription required) would be “a whopping 38% increase over last year’s budget.” Nearly \$4 billion would go toward revolving funds to support state investments in water infrastructure (that’s in addition to \$6 billion already dedicated to that purpose by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act for FY ’09). About \$1.3 billion would go to the Superfund program, more than \$600 million of that specifically for remediation. Another \$600 million would go to enforcement efforts, including 30 new FTE. Obviously, it’s going to be a tough budget climate this year. How well EPA’s requests fare will say a lot about the priority assigned to environmental initiatives by the administration and Congress.