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Wynn Blasts Bush EPA Cuts

Environmental Justice, Superfund and Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cleanups Would Suffer Under Proposed Cuts

Washington, DC –Congressmen Albert Wynn (D-MD), Chairman of the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, said today that President Bush’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 Budget would make drastic cuts to important Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs.

“The President’s FY 2009 budget requests \$7.1 billion for the EPA. Compared to last year’s funding level enacted by Congress, the Bush Administration’s budget proposal would dramatically cut spending by \$400 million for environmental programs that are pivotal to the protection of public health and safety,” Wynn said.

This devastating downward spiral in funding for environmental protection is even more significant when compared to EPA’s authorized budget five years ago. Congress authorized \$8.4 billion in spending for the EPA in Fiscal Year 2004. The President’s budget request represents an incredible \$1.3 billion cut from this level.