

A large blue and white offshore oil rig is shown on the ocean. The rig has a tall derrick structure in the center. The text is overlaid on the image.

Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee

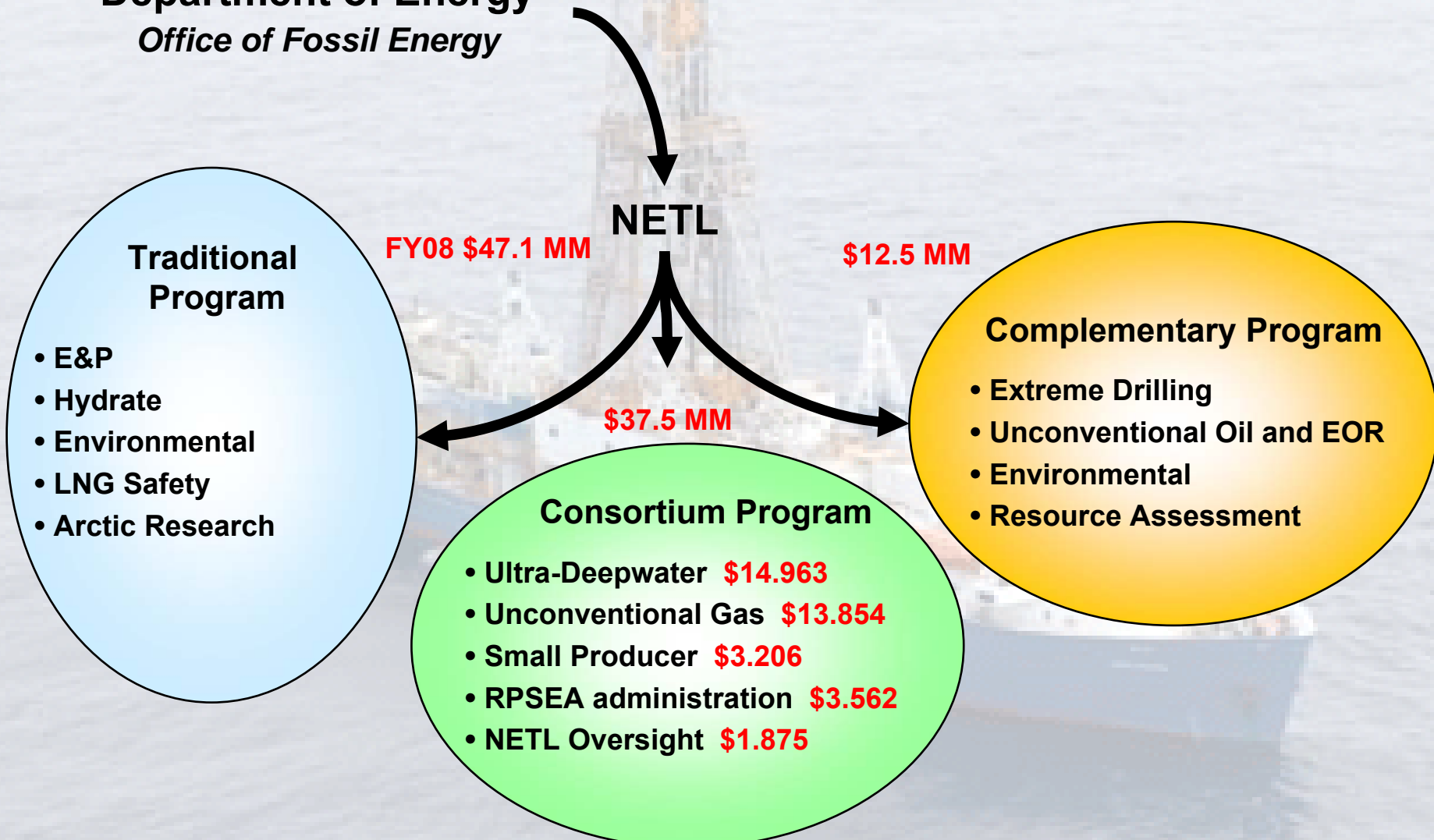
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Member Responsibilities

- **SGE [special Government employees]**
 - Federal ethics laws and regulations
 - avoid any action creating the appearance that they are violating the law or the ethical standards
 - provide expert opinion
- **Representative members**
 - represent the particular point of view associated with their appointment.
 - particular point of view stated in appointment letter from the Secretary of Energy.
- **Conflict of interest**
 - avoid conflict of interest and the appearance of conflict of interest.
 - GC test: direct and predictable benefit

Oil and Gas R&D Funding

Department of Energy
Office of Fossil Energy



Traditional and Section 999 Natural Gas and Oil Technology Programs

Budget (\$ million)

	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08
NATURAL GAS	43.6	32.7	12.0	19.8
OIL TECHNOLOGY	33.0	31.7	2.7	5.0
OTHER OIL AND GAS	—	—	—	22.3
SECTION 999-ULTRA DEEP	0	0	50.0	50.0
GRAND TOTAL	76.6	64.4	64.7	97.1

Committee Instructions

- **Role: Provide advice to DOE**
 - Provide recommendations on the development and priorities of the research program
 - Look at objectives of the annual plan within the context of the overall program
 - Focus on Consortium-administered portion of the Plan, and also comment on NETL research and potential for duplication between NETL and Consortium portions
- **Guidance**
 - Focus on big picture. Don't rewrite plan but advise on strengths and weaknesses.
 - Consensus is good, but should not be forced.
 - Majority opinion with minority viewpoint is fine.

Meeting Objectives

- **Finalize Committee advice by March 2008**
 - During Today's meeting
 - Speakers provide background presentations
 - Committee asks clarifying questions
 - Facilitated Committee Discussions
 - Initiate discussion on Plan
 - Develop process to complete Committee work
 - March meeting in DC
 - Draft final recommendations
 - Appoint editing subcommittee
 - Conference call in March
 - Approval of final recommendations that will be presented to DOE

Strategic Questions for the Committee

- **Does the plan, as a whole, represent the best approach for utilizing the R&D funds available?**
 - Does it fit well within the overall oil and gas program?
- **Are the plan's goals & objectives appropriate?**
 - Do they comply with the intent of EPCRA 999?
 - Are they achievable yet challenging?
 - Do annual activities work toward longer-term goals?
- **Are the proposed R&D themes appropriate?**
 - Do number of themes fit the expected budget?
 - Do they allow flexibility given the uncertainty of response?
- **Is the solicitation process appropriate?**
 - Fair and open, competitive, transparent?