

Ultra-Deepwater and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program

- August 2005 ➤ Energy Policy Act of 2005 signed into law [P.L. 109-58, 119 Stat. 922]
- November 2005 ➤ National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) released solicitation for a consortium to administer 3 program elements under Section 999A
- February 2006 ➤ Proposals received for program consortium solicitations
- May 2006 ➤ *Ultra-Deepwater Advisory Committee* (UDAC) and *Unconventional Resources Technology Advisory Committee* (URTAC) chartered (Section 999D)
- June 2006 ➤ Program consortium selected
- January 2007 ➤ Contract with Research to Secure Energy for America (RPSEA) as the Program consortium goes into effect (calendar year contract)
- May 2007 ➤ UDAC and URTAC members appointed for 2007-2008
- June-July 2007 ➤ Advisory Committees meet to review Draft 2007 Annual Plan and deliver written recommendations to the Secretary of Energy
- August 2007 ➤ 2007 Annual Plan published; DOE/Fossil Energy(FE) receives FY07 funds; RPSEA receives initial research funding
- October 2007 ➤ Program consortium releases initial solicitation for the Small Producer program element and for the Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources program element
- November 2007 ➤ NETL Complementary Research Program receives initial funding
- November 2007 ➤ Program consortium releases initial solicitation for the Ultra-Deepwater program element
- January 2008 ➤ Advisory Committees meet to review Draft 2008 Annual Plan
- February 2008 ➤ 2007 Annual Plan transmitted to Congress
- February 2008 ➤ Program consortium selects 7 projects for Small Producer program element
- March 2008 ➤ Advisory Committees meet to complete review of Draft 2008 Annual Plan and provide written recommendations; final report delivered to the Secretary
- March 2008 ➤ Program consortium selects 19 projects for the Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources program element
- May 2008 ➤ Program consortium selects initial 8 projects for Ultra-Deepwater program element
- June 2008 ➤ Technical Committee [Section 999H(d)(4)] determines that the NETL Complementary Research Program is not duplicative of the consortium-administered program

- June 2008 ➤ Fieldwork for audit completed
- July 2008 ➤ Advisory Committees renewal charters signed
- July 2008 ➤ Program consortium announces additional selections of 9 projects for Ultra-Deepwater program element
- August 2008 ➤ 2008 Annual Plan transmitted to Congress and published in the Federal Register
- August 2008 ➤ DOE/FE receives FY08 funds
- August 2008 ➤ Audit report received by DOE & GAO
- August 2008 ➤ UDAC & URTAC members appointed for 2008-2010
- September 2008 ➤ UDAC & URTAC meet to review Draft 2009 Annual Plan
- October 2008 ➤ UDAC & URTAC meet to hear and discuss Subcommittee reports, determine final recommendations, and adjourn work on the Draft 2009 Annual Plan
- November 2008 ➤ DOE/FE receives FY09 funds
- January 2009 ➤ 2009 Annual Plan transmitted to Congress and published in the Federal Register
- January 2009 ➤ Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources program element solicitation for 2008 closed: 9 projects selected; 3 awarded as of 8-1-09
- January 2009 ➤ Small Producer program element solicitation for 2008 closed; 6 projects selected; 2 awarded as of 8-1-09
- March 2009 ➤ Peer Review of Methodology for Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources Program and Small Producer Program Benefits Assessment
- April 2009 ➤ Ultra-Deepwater program element solicitation for 2008 closed: 14 projects selected
- July 2009 ➤ UDAC & URTAC meet to review Program status to date
- July 2009 ➤ Merit Review of the NETL Complementary Research Program
- August 2009 ➤ Technical Committee [Section 999H(d)(4)] determines that the NETL Complementary Research Program is not duplicative of the consortium-administered program
- September 2009 ➤ Peer Review of Methodology for the Ultra-Deepwater Program Benefits Assessment
- September 2009 ➤ UDAC & URTAC meet to review Draft 2010 Annual Plan
- October 2009 ➤ UDAC & URTAC meet to hear and discuss Subcommittee reports, determine final recommendations, and adjourn work on the Draft 2010 Annual Plan
- October 2009 ➤ Ultra-Deepwater program element solicitation for 2009 opened
- October 2009 ➤ Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources program element solicitation for 2009 opened

- October 2009 ➤ Small Producer program element solicitation for 2009 opened
- November 2009 ➤ DOE/FE receives FY10 funds
- December 2009 ➤ All solicitations for 2009 closed
- February 2010 ➤ 2010 Annual Plan transmitted to Congress and published in the Federal Register
- March 2010 ➤ Public review of all projects in the Unconventional and Small Producers Research Portfolio
- May 2010 ➤ Peer review of benefits assessed for the 2007 Research Portfolio of the Ultra-Deepwater, Unconventional and Small Producers programs
- May 2010 ➤ Announce projects selected in response to the 2009 solicitations
- Spring/Summer 2010 ➤ Ultra-Deepwater program element solicitation for 2010 expected to open
- Spring/Summer 2010 ➤ Unconventional Natural Gas and Other Petroleum Resources program elements solicitation for 2010 expected to open
- Spring/Summer 2010 ➤ Small Producer program element solicitation for 2010 expected to open
- May 2010 ➤ Merit Review of the NETL Complementary Research Program
- Spring 2010 ➤ Meeting of the NETL Complementary Research Program Technical Committee
- June 2010 ➤ Public review of all projects in the Ultra-Deepwater research portfolio
- July 2010 ➤ UDAC Charter and URTAC Charter expire. (Recharter approval pending as of January 2010)
- July 2010 ➤ UDAC and URTAC meet to review Program status to date
- August 2010 ➤ UDAC and URTAC membership appointments for 2008-2010 term expire. (Appointments for the 2010-2012 term pending as of April 2010)
- September 2010 ➤ UDAC and URTAC meet to review the Draft 2011 Annual Plan
- October 2010 ➤ UDAC and URTAC meet to hear and discuss Subcommittee reports, determine final recommendations, and adjourn work on the Draft 2011 Annual Plan
- November 2010 ➤ DOE/FE receipt of FY11 funds expected