

**COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
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**HEARING**

**Environmental Protections Agency Fiscal Year 2008 Research Science and  
Technology Budget Proposal**

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**Statement of Subcommittee on Energy & Environment Ranking Member Bob Inglis  
(SC-4)**

Good afternoon. Thank you, Chairman Lampson, for holding this hearing about the President's Fiscal Year 2008 request for the Environmental Protection Agency's Science and Technology account.

Most of the budget request before us relates to the regulatory functions of the EPA. That's to be expected.

EPA also has within its request the Office of Science & Technology and the Office of Research & Development. Research from those offices is used to improve the regulatory framework of the EPA. I trust that the objective of that research is the use of science to achieve continual improvement in the regulatory framework.

As we discuss the proposed FY08 budget request for EPA Science and Technology funding, I hope that the panel will help establish the priorities for the use of EPA's science resources. By investing in EPA's scientific research and development today, we can get better regulations for tomorrow.

I look forward to hearing from our witnesses today, and I especially pleased to welcome Dr. Bruce Coull from the University of South Carolina.