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ADVOCACY UPDATE

AMPP Applauds Funding Boost for DoD Corrosion Policy

The Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP) strongly supports the bipartisan Congressional Fiscal Year 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and applauds the House and Senate Committees' continued support for materials protection across the defense industry. **The legislation increased funding authorization for the Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Corrosion Policy and Oversight (CPO) to \$7.1M, a roughly \$4.5M increase over funding levels as originally set at the start of the policy formation process.**

House and Senate negotiators released compromise text for the FY25 NDAA this weekend, with the final passage expected in the coming weeks. The NDAA broadly sets policy for the Pentagon and the defense industrial base (DIB), including significant funding authorizations for the following fiscal year and provisions affecting many levels of the DIB supply chain.

AMPP has partnered with the CPO for more than 20 years to support its mission to reduce the total lifecycle costs of corrosion, improve safety within the DoD, increase the availability of DoD equipment and improve the longevity of DoD infrastructure/facilities. Once the DoD has equipment fielded or facilities completed, these systems are subject to corrosion resulting from a wide range of variables, including age, usage and ravages of their operating environment. The increased funding authorization will enhance the CPO's capacity to execute this critical mission set.

The 1,800+ page bill released this weekend includes dozens of policies and funding opportunities that may be relevant for AMPP members working (or hoping to work) within the DoD supply chain. The full text, along with Congress' Joint Explanatory Statement, may be found at the <u>Senate Armed Services Committee's website</u>.

Efforts are already underway on the FY26 NDAA. The AMPP Government Relations team will continue to monitor and advocate for advancing shared interests and mutually beneficial partnerships between the DoD and the materials performance industry.

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