

United States House of Representatives
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Room 2155 Rayburn House Office Building
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WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2008
MEMBER REQUESTS FOR WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS AND STUDIES

Dear Colleague:

On November 8, 2007, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114) was enacted into law. This comprehensive water resources law authorized projects and studies across the spectrum of missions of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps").

The Water Resources Development Act ("WRDA") authorizes studies and projects for navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and environmental restoration that are feasible and justified on the basis of Corps policy and regulation. Historically, a WRDA is addressed by Congress every two years. This legislation typically contains study authorizations, project authorizations, modifications to existing projects, and program revisions and policy initiatives involving Corps activities. However, because WRDA 2007 focused mainly on addressing the backlog of project authorizations, modifications, and studies that had accumulated since 2000, it is appropriate that Congress develop a Water Resources Development Act of 2008 to address new project studies and authorizations that have arisen over the past two years.


The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has created a new process for the submission of project requests for the Water Resources Development Act of 2008. The Committee is in the process of completing an electronic database for the submission of project and study requests that will be available in mid-March. When this new database is operative, the Committee will be sending out an additional notice, with detailed instructions on what information will be required, and how to submit project requests and certification forms using the new electronic system.

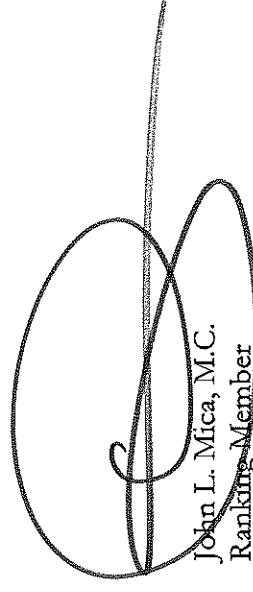
The Committee will only consider Member requests for projects or studies that are submitted to the electronic database and include the appropriate certification forms. All project requests and Member certification forms should be filed both electronically, and in hard copy to Ms. Tracy Mosebey, Clerk, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, B-329 Rayburn House Office Building, by April 25, 2008. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Majority staff at 202-225-0060, or Minority staff at 202-225-4360.


With your thoughtful assistance in this process, we can ensure that WRDA 2008 includes specific water resources development projects of significant importance to the nation.

Sincerely,


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