



U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Washington, DC 20515

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WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2010
MEMBER REQUESTS FOR WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS AND STUDIES

Dear Colleague:

The Water Resources Development Act ("WRDA") is the comprehensive water resources law typically authorized every two years. Specifically, WRDA authorizes studies and projects within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mission areas including navigation, flood damage reduction, hurricane and storm damage reduction, shoreline protection, and environmental restoration. It is Committee policy that projects must be feasible and justified on the basis of Corps policy and regulation.

On November 8, 2007, the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-114) was enacted into law. This law addressed a backlog of project authorizations, modifications, and studies that had accumulated since the law's previous authorization in 2000. It is now appropriate that Congress develop a Water Resources Development Act for the 111th Congress to address new project studies and authorizations that have arisen over the past two years.

In the 110th Congress the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure solicited and received project requests for the development of a new water resources bill for 2008. These submissions are no longer valid and must be resubmitted for consideration in the 111th Congress.

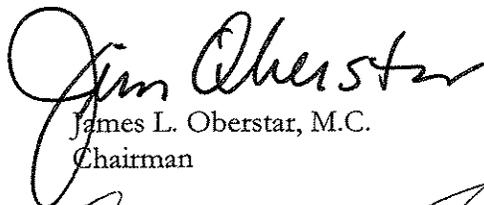
In preparing your requests, it is recommended that you contact your local Corps District office regarding potential requests and obtain the information that will be required. Information that will be needed for a complete and valid WRDA project request includes:

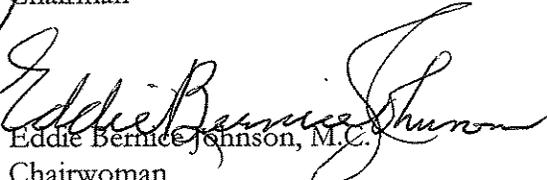
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| ➤ Local Corps District name | ➤ Project description |
| ➤ Corps contact with phone number | ➤ Non-federal project sponsor |
| ➤ City in which project will be carried out (all) | ➤ A letter of support from the non-federal Sponsor |
| ➤ County in which project will be carried out (all) | ➤ 2 Congressional Earmark Certification Forms with original Member signature for each project |
| ➤ Project purpose | |

The Committee is in the process of completing an electronic database for the submission of project and study requests that will be available early fall. When this new database is operative, the Committee will send out an additional Dear Colleague with detailed instructions on what information will be required, and instructions for project requests and certification forms using the electronic system.

Should you have any questions regarding the submission process, contact the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Majority staff at 202-225-0060, or Minority staff at 202-225-4360.

Sincerely,


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