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WATERWAYS WORK! AND DINAMO UNIFY
WATERWAYS COUNCIL, INC. UNANIMOUSLY CREATED
BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Washington, DC – Waterways Council, Inc., (WCI) the national association advocating a modern and well-maintained national system of ports and inland waterways, has been created today as a result of the unification of Waterways Work!, the national coalition to promote the positive contributions of America's ports and inland waterways system, and DINAMO, the Association for the Development of Inland Navigation in America's Ohio Valley. Waterways Council, Inc., based in Arlington, VA, was accepted by a unanimous vote of the WCI Board of Directors. The new organization is chaired by Berdon Lawrence, Chairman of Kirby Corporation, Houston, TX.

“The creation of Waterways Council, Inc., is an important step toward streamlining the critical message that our nation’s waterways infrastructure – locks and dams – must be well maintained in order to continue to maximize our waterways transportation efficiency and safeguard our national and global competitiveness,” said Barry Palmer, President & CEO of Waterways Council, Inc. “Waterways Council, Inc. will be the leading, unified voice for this message,” he continued.

Waterways Council, Inc. is supported by more than 250 waterways carriers, shippers, port authorities, shipping associations and waterways advocacy groups from all regions of the country.