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REGISTER NOW FOR WATERWAYS COUNCIL, INC. FALL SYMPOSIUM, "SUSTAINING WATERWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE AS DEMAND INCREASES"

Washington, DC – Registration is well underway for Waterways Council, Inc.'s 2005 Symposium and Annual Meeting on "Sustaining Waterways Infrastructure as Demand Increases," to be held October 4-5, 2005, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago.

"Given the challenges the maritime industry faces, even from Mother Nature, this symposium focusing on the need to sustain critical waterways infrastructure is more relevant than ever before," said R. Barry Palmer, President and CEO of Waterways Council, Inc. "We've attracted a top line of speakers from industry, the private sector and the government, who understand the importance of infrastructure and its value to the nation," Palmer continued.

Speakers for this event, sponsored by Waterways Council, Inc., *Waterways Journal* and Informa Economics, Inc., include:

- **Major General Don T. Riley**, Director of Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who will provide the keynote address "Documenting the Public Value of Waterways Infrastructure"
- **Royce Wilken**, President, American River Transportation Company, and **Kevin Sparks**, Manager, Marine Transportation, Marathon Petroleum LLC, who will address "Impacts of Unscheduled Closures"
- **Berdon Lawrence**, Chairman of the Board, Kirby Corporation, **Norb Whitlock** President and C.O.O., American Commercial Lines LLC, **Dan Mecklenborg**, Senior Vice President, HR & Chief, Legal Affairs, Ingram Barge Company, and **Gary LaGrange**, President and CEO, Port of New Orleans, who will address "Perspectives on the Condition of the Waterways Infrastructure"

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- **Gerry Barnes**, Chief of Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, **Jim Hannon**, Chief of Operations, Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and **Bob Willis**, Chief of Operations, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, who will address “The Corps’ Business Plan to Sustain Waterways Infrastructure”
- **Bruce Scherr**, President and CEO, Informa Economics, Inc., will discuss “Traffic Demand Outlook—World Economic Drivers”
- **Tom Scott**, Senior Vice President for Economics, Informa Economics, Inc. **Ken Eriksen**, Senior Transportation Analyst, Informa Economics, Inc., will address “Drivers of River Traffic Demand” and also present a case study on “Competitive Pressures— South American and Asian Infrastructure Development”
- **Terry Barr**, Chief Economist/Vice President, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, who will discuss “Driving Forces of the Policy Environment”

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