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HOUSE APPROPRIATORS APPROVE CONTINUED STRONG FUNDING OF LOCK AND DAM PROJECTS IN FY 2007

WASHINGTON, DC – Waterways Council, Inc. (WCI) applauds the House Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development for the Committee's action earlier today, when it overwhelmingly approved spending \$415 million in fiscal year 2007 to complete critical Inland Waterway Trust Fund financed lock and dam projects on the Nation's inland waterways system. This action further underscores and improves upon President Bush's highest-ever request in FY 2007 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works program. These actions by the Administration and the Committee continue to demonstrate the important contributions of America's inland navigation system to the nation's economy.

R. Barry Palmer, WCI President and CEO said, "The commitment of Energy & Water Development Subcommittee Chairman David Hobson to the efficient funding and prompt completion of the economically important inland navigation projects of the Army Corps of Engineers should be commended. We also wish to recognize Ranking Minority Member Pete Visclosky and the Subcommittee members for their efforts. We also appreciate the work of Appropriations Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis and Committee Ranking Minority Member David Obey, who continue to provide strong, supportive leadership." Palmer continued, "Particularly during wartime the appropriations process creates difficult choices, but the action of the Committee substantiates the goal of keeping the Nation strong and economically competitive." Waterways Council advocates for the modernization of priority Inland Waterway Trust Fund financed projects and urges funding at the highest levels possible, in order for the benefits of lock and dam investments to be fully realized.

Waterways carriers, shippers, port authorities and companies that use the nation's waterways to transport essential bulk commodities such as coal, grain, petroleum and chemicals valued at more than \$31 billion annually rely upon a well-maintained and modern national system of ports and waterways. A critical economic generator, the nation's waterways transport key building-block commodities such as coal, grain, petroleum, chemicals, and aggregates that fuel the nation's industrial and agricultural activity.

Attached is a funding chart for FY 2007 identifying the major lock and dam construction projects financed in part from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund from a diesel fuel tax of 20 cents per gallon from private sector users of the system.

Waterways Council, Inc. is the national public policy organization advocating a modern and well-maintained national system of ports and inland waterways. The group is supported by waterways carriers, shippers, port authorities, shipping associations and users of America's inland navigation system.

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FY 2007 Funding of America's Lock and Dam Modernization Projects

	FY 2006 Appropriations Act*	FY 2007 President's Budget Request	FY 2007 House Markup
<u>Construction</u>			
Robert C. Byrd L/D Ohio River, OH/WV	\$914,000	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000
Chickamauga L/D, TN	10,000,000	27,000,000	27,000,000
Emsworth Dam, Ohio River, PA	15,000,000	17,000,000	17,000,000
Greenup L/D Ohio River, KY/OH	Investigation account	0	200,000
Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, LA	11,250,000	0	18,000,000
Kentucky Lock Addition Tennessee River, KY	23,000,000	0	10,000,000
Marmet L&D Kanawha River, WV	73,500,000	50,800,000	50,800,000
McAlpine L&D Ohio River, IN/KY	70,000,000	70,000,000	70,000,000
Locks & Dams 2, 3, & 4 Monongahela River, PA	50,800,000	62,772,000	62,772,000
J. T. Myers L/D Ohio River, IN/KY	700,000	0	2,000,000
Olmsted L&D Ohio River, IL/KY	90,000,000	110,000,000	110,000,000
Winfield L&D Kanawha River, WV	2,400,000	4,300,000	4,300,000
<u>Major Rehabilitation</u>			
L&D 3 Upper Miss., MN	1,500,000	0	0
L&D 11 Upper Miss., IA& WI	7,580,000	20,300,000	20,300,000
L&D 19 Upper Miss., IA	17,502,000	5,400,000	5,400,000
L&D 24 Upper Miss., IL& MO	4,300,000	3,900,000	3,900,000
Lock 27, Upper Miss., IL & MO	563,000	3,400,000	3,400,000
Markland, Ohio River, IN & KY	0	8,000,000	8,000,000
TOTAL, Inland Waterways Trust Fund-financed projects	\$379,009,000	\$384,672,000	\$414,872,000

**Does not include a 1% across the board reduction subsequently enacted.*