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**SENATOR TOM HARKIN**  
**RECEIVES 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WATERWAYS COUNCIL**  
**LEADERSHIP SERVICE AWARD**

**PHOTO RELEASE (photo below):**

On February 25, 2009 in Washington, D.C., Senator Tom Harkin, Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, and a leading advocate for America's family farms, as well as inland waterways' infrastructure so critical to the economical shipment of farm products, received Waterways Council, Inc.'s 8th Annual Leadership Service Award. Senator Harkin received the award for his steadfast commitment to our Nation's critically important waterways and port system.

Elected to Congress in 1974 from Iowa's Fifth Congressional District to the House of Representatives for 10 years, and then elected in 1984 to the Senate, Senator Harkin has been an long-time, ardent supporter of waterways infrastructure modernization and to ecosystem restoration efforts, most notably recently through his support of the WRDA bill in 2007.

Shown here in the photo below, Senator Harkin receives the Leadership Service Award from Cornel Martin (President & CEO, Waterways Council, Inc.) *left*; Dan Mecklenborg (Chairman, Waterways Council, Inc.), *second from left*; and Teri Goodmann (National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque, Iowa), *far right*.



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