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TO: WESTCAS Members

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SUBJECT: Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's "Views and Estimates"

As WESTCAS members work to craft FY11 Appropriations testimony, it is useful to be able to reference various sources that reflect funding needs for the nation. One source is the annual House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's "Views and Estimates." This is the process where T&I reviews the Administration's proposed budget for the upcoming years, makes comments, and also suggests what it considers an adequate funding level for programs under its jurisdiction which include the Corps of Engineers and the EPA Clean Water Program.

We've attached the 41 page document in question for your reading pleasure. If you'd like a quick summary please refer to the following pages:

- Page 5. Clean Water Act funding needs over the next 20 years are estimated to be \$400 billion for sewers and \$500 billion for drinking water. Local, state, and the federal governments combined are providing less than half this investment.
- Page 34. Corps of Engineers requested funding for FY11 is \$4.9 billion. The T&I Committee recommends \$8.0 billion.
- Page 35. Corps Investigations proposed funding is \$104 million. T&I recommends \$300.00 million.
- Page 36. Corps Construction funding is proposed at \$1.69 billion. T&I recommends \$3.4 billion.
- Page 39. \$2.0 billion is requested for USEPA Clean Water funding. The Committee recommends at least \$2.7 billion.
- Page 39. The T&I Committee hopes to complete consideration and send to the President for signature H.R. 1262, the "Water Quality Investment Act of 2009." Title 1 of this act authorizes \$13.8 billion for the Clean Water SRF including \$2.7 billion for FY11.

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