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## **HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE APPROVES STRONG FY24 FUNDING FOR THE INLAND WATERWAYS SYSTEM**

Last night, the House Committee on Appropriations approved by a vote of 34-24 the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Energy and Water Development (E&W) Appropriations Bill. Included in the bill are Community Project Funding (CPF) requests for Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF) construction projects.

Overall proposed funding for Corps' Civil Works is \$9.57 billion, an increase of \$910 million above FY23's appropriated level, and \$2.16 billion above the President's FY24 budget request. FY24 funding for construction projects on the inland waterways is \$455.97 million, with \$159.6 million from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund, which is a significant increase from the FY24 budget request of \$0. The IWTF construction projects included are the following:

- Chickamauga Lock (Tennessee River): \$236.8 million
  - Submitted by: Cong. Fleischmann (TN-03)
- Lower Monongahela (Monongahela River, PA): \$41 million
  - Submitted by: Cong. Reschenthaler (PA-14)
- McClellan–Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System (MKARNS) Three Rivers (AR): \$103.17 million
  - Submitted by: Cong. Crawford (AR-01)
- Navigation & Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP), Navigation Portion (IL): \$75 million
  - Submitted by: Cong. S. Graves (MO-06), LaHood (IL-16), Luetkemeyer (MO-03), Sorensen (IL-17), and Budzinski (IL-13)

The Corps' Investigations account funding is \$136.09 million, a decrease of \$36.4 million from the FY23 enacted level and \$6.25 million above the FY24 request. WCI secured an investigations request through the CPF process.

- Bayou Sorrel Lock Replacement Study (LA): \$800,000
  - Submitted by: Cong. G. Graves (LA-06)

Funding for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) is \$5.50 billion, an increase of \$418.12 million above FY23 and \$1.19 billion above the Administration request.

“WCI is grateful to the House Appropriations Committee and the Energy & Water Development Subcommittee for increasing funding from \$0 in the President’s budget request for construction of inland waterways priority projects to \$456 million. This will continue critical modernization on the nation’s inland waterways, a vital part of our transportation supply chain,” said Tracy Zea, President/CEO of Waterways Council, Inc.

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