

October 5, 2005

The Honorable John J. Duncan, Jr.
Chair, House Water Resources and
Environment Subcommittee
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4202

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
Ranking Member, House Water Resources and
Environment Subcommittee
1511 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-4330

Dear Chairman Duncan and Ranking Member Johnson:

As America's leading construction, local government, municipal wastewater, engineering, and conservation organizations, we are committed to the establishment of a dedicated, deficit neutral trust fund for clean water. To this end, we are seeking the support of the bipartisan leadership of the House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee as original sponsors of the *Clean Water Trust Act of 2005*.

Enclosed for your consideration and review is a copy of the *Clean Water Trust Act of 2005*. The leadership you have exhibited regarding the merits of a dedicated trust fund for clean water — through hearings, speeches, and meetings with our organizations — have been greatly appreciated and were central in the development of this draft legislation.

America is facing a well documented water infrastructure funding crisis that demands the establishment of a long-term, dedicated, deficit neutral, funding program comparable to the trust funds that currently finance our nation's highways and aviation infrastructure.

Thank you for your leadership on the water funding challenges facing our nation. We look forward to meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss the introduction of the *Clean Water Trust Act of 2005*.

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National Association of Clean Water Agencies
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