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Richard M. Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, we invite you to testify before the Committee at a hearing entitled, "Oversight Hearing on Implementation of Corps of Engineers Water Resources Policies." The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2013, beginning at 10:30 AM in Room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the Corps of Engineers implementation of critical water resources policies, including management of vegetation on levees, approving in-kind credit for Corps projects, establishing operating hours for Corps locks, applying engineering standards for flood damage and hurricane protection projects, and other important policies.

In order to maximize the opportunity to discuss this matter with you and the other witnesses, we ask that your oral testimony be limited to five minutes. Your written testimony can be comprehensive and will be included in the printed record of the hearing in its entirety, together with any other materials you would like to submit.

To comply with Committee rules, please provide 100 double-sided copies of your testimony at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing to the Committee at the following address: 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6175. To ensure timely delivery, the copies of testimony must be hand delivered to 410 Dirksen. Please do not send packages through FedEx, U.S. Mail, or overnight delivery services, because they will be subject to offsite security measures which will delay delivery. Please also email a copy of your testimony (in both MS Word and as a PDF file) to the attention of Mara Stark-Alcalá, Mara_Stark-Alcala@epw.senate.gov, at least 48 hours in advance.

If you plan to use or refer to any charts, graphs, diagrams, photos, maps, or other exhibits in your testimony, please deliver or send one identical copy of such material(s), as well as 100 reduced (8.5" x 11") copies to the Committee, to the attention of Mara Stark-Alcalá, Mara_Stark-Alcala@epw.senate.gov, to the above address at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing. Exhibits or other materials that are not provided to the Committee by this time cannot be used for the purpose of presenting testimony.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Jason Albritton or Ted Illston of the Committee's Majority staff at 202-224-8832 or Charles Brittingham of the Committee's Minority staff at 202-224-6176.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
 Chairman



David Vitter
 Ranking Member