Backlog of Infrastructure Projects and Maintenance

Overview

The locks, dams, dredging, and other infrastructure elements of the U.S. inland waterways are projects and properties under the control of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). USACE has been grossly underfunded for many years, causing a backlog of unfunded maintenance projects.

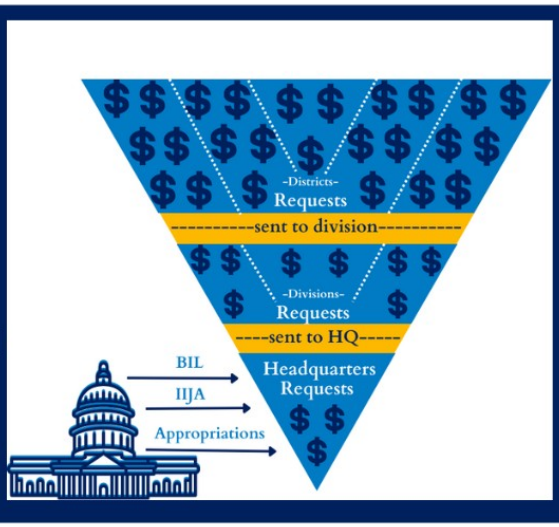
Our industry and congressional leaders need to know an estimate of the unmet or deferred operation and maintenance needs at these locks, dams, and other infrastructure components in order to achieve a resilient and sustainable river transportation system.

Facts

- Section 1154(a) of the WRDA 2018 directs the Secretary to compile and publish a complete list of all projects and separable elements of projects that are authorized for construction but have not been completed.
- First report due to Congress in 2020, not yet issued.

Issues

- Each District makes their requests to Division.
- Division compares projects and criticality with other District requests and chooses which projects to fund.
- Each Division sends their requests to headquarters and headquarters compares criticality with other Division requests and chooses which projects to fund.



Call to Action

Implement section 1154(a) of WRDA 2018

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