



CLEAN WATER CONSTRUCTION COALITION

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Obama's State of Union Address and Infrastructure

President Obama's State of the Union Address referenced the importance of infrastructure to the nation and economy. As in the past, the mention about infrastructure came without any reference to funding. The Administration and Congress are on a collision course over the question of funding as the Republicans want to cut the existing funding levels.

The Republican goal is to reduce funding for domestic programs (including wastewater and drinking water) to 2006 levels. You may recall that two years ago, the Administration and Congress increased funding for the state SRF Program by nearly 300 percent. To return to 2006 funding levels would be devastating for the SRF Program.

The President has proposed a freeze at current funding levels for the next five years. That may not be so bad for the program, when compared to the Republican goal. I will keep you informed of developments and how you might be able to help. This is an issue that former Congressman Roe, Sante Esposito and I will pursue.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Membership

Attached to this Report is a list, provided by Sante Esposito, of the Republicans and Democrats, who will serve on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Please note that Bob Gibbs (R-OH) will serve as chairman of the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, while Jamie Herrera Beulter (R-WA) will be vice chair.

Republican members of the subcommittee, in addition to the chair and vice chair, include:

Don Young (AK)	Tom Johnson (IL)
John J. Duncan, Jr. (TN)	Bill Shuster (PA)
Gary Miller (CA)	

The list of Democrats who will serve on the subcommittee is not yet available. This material will be provided when available.

Meetings With Congressional Committee Leadership

We are working on scheduling meetings with Committee Leadership. These sessions will be held next month. I will leave next week for a two week vacation. While away I will be in touch with Congressman Roe and Sante Esposito regarding our ongoing efforts.