Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

Clean Water Caucus Briefing

"The Vulnerability of Critical Water Infrastructure"

March 16th at 2:30 PM 2253 Rayburn House Office Building

Dear Colleague,

Our Nation's water infrastructure is facing a dual threat – an exponential increase in coastal and riverine flooding and historic drought conditions. Assessing and addressing the impacts floods and droughts on water infrastructure is an economic and environmental imperative for local governments and a budgetary reality for the federal government that must be addressed. Superstorm Sandy and the resulting \$60 billion Federal Disaster Relief Package, and the drought conditions gripping the West and South are wake-up calls Congress must acknowledge.

On March 16th, the Clean Water Caucus will host a briefing on "The Vulnerability of America's Critical Water Infrastructure" and the need for thoughtful, timely, action to improve the resilience of these societal assets. We have assembled a panel of Municipal Water, Engineering and Floodplain Mapping experts to provide you and your staff with a compelling snapshot of the devastating impacts of flooding and droughts on our most essential infrastructure.

Water Infrastructure Resilience Panel

- Brian Hoelscher Executive Director, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
- Bertha Goldberg, PE Assistant Director, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department
- Carly Foster, CFM, AICP Senior Planner, ARCADIS
- Dr. Howard Botts Chief Scientist, CoreLogic Insurance and Spatial Solutions

<u>Panel Facilitator</u> - Adel Hagekhalil - Assistant Director, City of Los Angeles Sanitation, President, National Association of Clean Water Agencies

In the United States today, 55% of our Nation's Wastewater Treatment Facilities are in High Risk Floodplains and over 11 million homes are impacted by severe drought conditions. Please join us on **March 16th at 2:30 PM in 2253 RHOB** for an informative and interesting assessment of the flood and drought challenges facing America's water infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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