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September 16, 2008

The Honorable John Paul Woodley, Jr.
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Mr. Woodley:

The Oversight and Government Reform Committee requests your testimony at a hearing on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The purpose of this hearing is to examine the Administration's implementation and enforcement of the Clean Water Act.

To date, the Corps of Engineers has failed to provide the Committee with important documents in this investigation. On August 7, 2008, Chairman Oberstar and I wrote to the Corps of Engineers to request documents relating to the Corps of Engineers' recent jurisdictional determinations.¹ We asked that documents be produced by August 25, 2008. On August 19, your staff requested that this deadline be extended until September 2, 2008. We agreed to this new deadline. Now, two weeks after that extended deadline, the Corps of Engineers still has not provided the Committees with the responsive documents. I therefore request that you provide complete, unredacted copies of the responsive documents no later than close of business on September 17, 2008. If you do not provide the documents by this date, you may be compelled to bring the documents to the Committee when you appear to testify.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform is the principal oversight committee in the House of Representatives and has broad oversight jurisdiction as set forth in House Rule X. Information for witnesses appearing before the Committee is contained in the enclosed Witness Information Sheet.

¹ Letter from Rep. Oberstar and Rep. Waxman to Assistant Secretary of the Army John Paul Woodley (Aug. 7, 2008).

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If you have any questions concerning this request, please have your staff contact Greg Dotson or Jeff Baran of the Committee staff at (202) 225-4407.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry A. Waxman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent "H" and "W".

Henry A. Waxman
Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member