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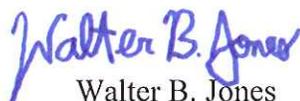
Dear Secretary Darcy:

I am writing to request the status of the Assessment of Operations and Maintenance Needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. As you are aware, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 mandated that "*the Secretary shall assess the operation and maintenance needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway*" within 90 days of the enactment of the act. The Water Resource Reform and Development Act of 2014 became Public Law 113-121 on June 10, 2014; however, no assessment has been issued in conjunction with the requirement stipulated in Section 2008. Therefore, I am requesting a status update on when this assessment will be completed and distributed for public review.

The Third District of North Carolina which I represent is located on the Atlantic Coast of North Carolina and has over 200 miles of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway located within its confines. The Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway provides an invaluable resource to my district – it is a source of commercial activity, provides recreational boaters an alternative source of navigable water and serves as a tourist attraction to draw in visitors to the beauty of Eastern North Carolina. It is imperative that the Assessment of Operations and Maintenance Needs of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway and Gulf Intracoastal Waterway occur so that the needs of my district, and others throughout the United States, be adequately addressed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my request, I look forward to receiving your prompt reply on this matter.

Sincerely,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress