



September 26, 2005

The Honorable Bill Frist
Senate Majority Leader
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Minority Leader
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Frist and Senator Reid:

We, the undersigned, strongly urge the Senate to take action immediately to pass the Water Resources Development Act of 2005.

The Upper Mississippi River provisions in WRDA represent a bi-partisan, comprehensive, balanced, and long-overdue approach to advancing our shared goal of achieving "a working river and a river that works" for the Upper Mississippi River System.

The Upper Mississippi River network is Congressionally-recognized as both a significant national ecosystem and crucial transportation corridor, the nation's 'third coast.'

Your action to expedite passage of legislation reauthorizing the Water Resources Development Act of 2005 is strongly encouraged and greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Agencies for the Five Upper Basin States

cc: Members of the United States Senate