**Appropriations Subcommittee**
Energy and Water

**Requesting Organization**
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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**Purpose of Request**

With the passage of the 2007 Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), the Army Corps of Engineers is authorized to begin implementing the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) for the Upper Mississippi River System. This new dual-purpose authority will integrate restoration of the river's important habitats with modernization of the navigation system to reduce barge traffic delays. This program's unique dual authority for meeting both ecosystem and navigation needs is supported by environmental groups, the commercial navigation industry, and agriculture and labor groups.

**Amount Requested**
$35,000,000