Background
Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) was most recently reauthorized in 2007.

- WRDA reauthorization legislation has historically included provisions for site specific activities. The need for new projects, to increase authorized funding levels, and modify existing projects has promoted semi-regular WRDA consideration, historically every two years.
- WRDA projects undergo unparalleled economic and environmental review to determine public interest and economic benefits relative to project costs. Projects typically require two separate authorizations. The first is an investigation. If the results of the investigation merit it, the second authorization is for construction and appropriations.
- WRDA authorizations are subject to appropriations. Appropriations have been relatively flat for the past 20 years and are typically between $4 billion to $5 billion.

PCA Position
The Portland Cement Association (PCA) strongly supports a WRDA reauthorization that promotes the use of resilient, sustainable materials to protect life and property and grow the economy.

- **Streamline Project Planning and Delivery Process:** The Corps should identify which elements it can safely and responsibly purge from its planning process.
- **Prioritize High-Value Construction Projects:** Flood reduction and navigation projects with positive cost/benefit ratios promote a strong workforce and economy.
- **Modernize Trust Funds:** The Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF) and Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF) need long-term funding solutions, but not at the expense of other Corps activities.
  - IWTF: Most of our locks and dams are over 50 years old, yet we only have the funds for one lock replacement project through FY2016.
  - HMTF: There is over $2 billion in backlog maintenance at our ports, but only half of HMTF revenues are spent on their intended purpose.