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CMAA Applauds Introduction of Clean Water Trust Act

McLean, VA—In response to the enormous needs of America's water infrastructure network, U.S. Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN), chairman of the House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, took a significant step toward improving our nation's waters by introducing the *Clean Water Trust Act of 2005* (H.R. 4560).

"Chairman Duncan clearly understands the importance of our nation's waters and the responsibility that the federal government has to provide adequate resources toward ensuring that clean drinking water and an effective wastewater system are a national priority," said Bruce D'Agostino, CAE, executive director of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA).

CMAA strongly supports this legislation and its goal of creating a dedicated, well-funded, and deficit-neutral Clean Water Trust Fund. The needs are clear. Pipes, aqueducts, and water distribution facilities nationwide are aging and deteriorating. Sewer system overflows are an increasing problem. Persistent challenges exist to maintain clean and safe drinking water. These issues need to be addressed and state and local governments cannot shoulder the entire burden. The Clean Water Trust Act, which would provide approximately \$7.5 billion annually to improve the nation's water infrastructure, will not fix every problem, but will clearly have a positive impact for years to come.

"Congress must seize this opportunity to make our nation's waterways and water infrastructure the priority it should be and move to enact the Clean Water Trust Act. CMAA stands ready to work with Congress and all stakeholders to make this dedicated federal investment in clean water and this commitment toward the health of all Americans a reality," said D'Agostino.

CMAA is a national industry association whose mission is "to promote professionalism and excellence in the management of the construction process." CMAA's membership includes twenty-five regional chapters and more than 3,000 firms and individuals throughout the country that represent all interests of the professional construction and program management industry. CMAA's national headquarters is based in McLean, Virginia and the association's website is www.cmaanet.org.

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