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AGC PUSHES FOR RENEWED INVESTMENT IN CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Washington, D.C.—“We believe that a dedicated source of federal funding is needed to sustain clean water infrastructure,” said Stephen E. Sandherr, chief executive officer of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) as the Water Resources Environment Subcommittee of the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee began its hearing on the need to increase federal investment. “Annual funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (CWSRF) is nearly \$700 million less than it was in 2004.”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and the Water Infrastructure Network (WIN) report a funding gap of \$300 billion to \$500 billion over 20 years between what is needed and what is actually spent on our water infrastructure.

AGC supports both an immediate boost in funds for the CWSRF and the establishment of a sustainable source of funding for clean water infrastructure much like the Highway and Aviation Trust Funds. A dedicated source of federal funding would ensure adequate and continued financial assistance to municipalities to meet the goals of the federal water quality program.

AGC believes Congress should consider the following key steps to begin solving the problem:

- **Support a New Clean Water Funding Bill**—Support an immediate increased authorization level for the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund.
- **Include Language to Identify a Long-term Funding Source**—A new bill should include language that would assist Congress in quickly identifying a dedicated source(s) of revenue to ensure the availability of appropriations to fund clean water needs. Recent polling data shows that 86 percent of Americans would support legislation by the U.S. Congress that would create a long-term, sustainable and reliable trust fund for clean and safe water infrastructure.

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