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Today, the House Appropriations Committee released their [FY2017 Energy & Water Development bill](#). This includes \$6.1 billion for the Corps of Engineers, which is \$100 million above the FY2016 appropriated levels and \$1.5 billion above the [President's budget proposal](#).

The Corps' overall navigation program is proposed to receive \$2.7 billion. This includes \$1.263 billion from the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (HMTF), which is the same level we saw in FY2016. Many *Nor'wester* readers will recall that the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (WRRDA) authorized annual HMTF Targets based off of the previous year's HMT revenue. Due to an unanticipated drop in 2015 HMT revenues, the official HMT target for FY2017 was lower than the target for FY2016. While the bill does not meet the [\\$1.28 billion HMTF spending goal](#) that the national navigation community is seeking, we appreciate that the Committee chose to fund at a level consistent with last year and not at the lower HMT target.

Specific account funding for the Corps includes:

- \* General Investigations (GI): \$120 million
- \* Construction General (CG): \$1.945 billion
- \* Operations & Maintenance (O&M): \$3.157 billion
- \* Regulatory: \$200 million

Details for the additional "funding pots" included in each account have not yet been released. We will keep our members updated as we receive additional information. To view PNWA's supported projects and the funding levels we are seeking, please click [here](#).

The bill includes additional provisions that would also benefit PNWA members. These include ensuring that no federal funds are spent on the removal of any federally owned or operated dam, and that no changes are made to federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act.

This bill will be considered by the House Energy & Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee tomorrow at 10:30am PDT. The markup will be webcast and can be viewed here: <http://appropriations.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=394479>. The Senate is expected to also begin Subcommittee work tomorrow, and full Committee votes on Thursday. PNWA continues to track the Corps funding process, and we will send out additional information as it is available. For more information, contact [Heather Stebbings](#).

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