



August 2, 2011

The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy  
Assistant Secretary of the Army  
Civil Works  
108 Army Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

I am writing to ask your support in funding the continuing construction of the Delaware River Main Channel (45-foot) Deepening Project.

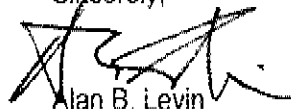
A review of the project has been carefully and thoroughly conducted by the State of Delaware, the Diamond State Port Corporation (Port of Wilmington) and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Based upon those reviews, the Governor has concluded that the project should proceed as planned. This was the basis for the Governor's decision not to appeal Judge Robinson's ruling in favor of continuing the project's construction. Furthermore, there is no one project that is more important to the current and future growth of the Port of Wilmington than the Delaware River 45-foot project.

As the costs of maintaining the navigation channel at the Port of Wilmington rise, and as the improvements to the Panama Canal are completed we must have deeper water if we are to sustain and grow the commodities and employment at our Port. The Port of Wilmington has been approached by major shipping lines interested in developing a major container terminal adjacent to the Port's existing footprint, an investment which could approach \$500 million and create thousands of high paying blue collar jobs in our State. This situation has repeated itself in other locations along the River. Similar investments are being developed for Pennsylvania as well. The region is looking at close to \$1.0 billion in infrastructure improvements and over 100,000 jobs being created. However, the financial commitments and investments in these projects is contingent upon the completion of the Delaware River 45-foot project.

To continue the on-going construction for the Delaware River 45-foot project, federal funds must be included in the President's Fiscal Year 2012 budget. Towards that end, I have asked our Congressional delegation to support the inclusion of federal funds for this project.

I am asking that you do what you can to express your support for the project and to assure federal funding so that the on-going construction proceeds. I would appreciate your help on that matter. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Chairman of the Board, Port of Wilmington

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