



November 10, 2011

The Honorable Harold Rogers  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Daniel Inouye  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Norm Dicks  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen  
Chairman  
Energy & Water Development Subcommittee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Diane Feinstein  
Chairman  
Energy & Water Development Subcommittee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Peter Visclosky  
Ranking Member  
Energy & Water Development Subcommittee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lamar Alexander  
Ranking Member  
Energy & Water Development Subcommittee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**ACPPA Urges Adoption of Senate Energy & Water Appropriations Report  
Buried Metallic Water Pipe Provision**

Dear Chairmen Rogers, Inouye, Frelinghuysen and Feinstein and Ranking Members Dicks, Cochran, Visclosky, and Alexander:

I am writing in my capacity as president of the American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association (ACPPA) to urge the adoption of metallic water pipe language contained in the Senate's Energy & Water Development appropriations report rather than the parallel House language.

Founded in 1949, ACPPA is a nonprofit trade association representing manufacturers of concrete pressure pipe on the North American Continent. ACPPA sponsors research projects and conducts educational programs to promote and advance the use of concrete pressure pipe in water and wastewater applications. The association also manages a compliance audit and

certification program through Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance (LRQA), a leading global business assurance company.

The Bureau of Reclamation effectively requires ductile iron pipe manufacturers to bring their product up to a similar corrosion prevention standard as competing pipe in order to bid on projects in highly corrosive soil. House Report No. 112-118 would change this longstanding policy in apparent disregard of the notion that long-term project costs outweigh small upfront savings.

By prohibiting the Bureau from considering the longevity of pipe materials when used in highly corrosive soils as a criterion, Congress would give ductile pipe manufacturers an unfair advantage in the bidding process, which could lead the misallocation and waste of scarce water infrastructure investment resources.

ACPPA therefore urges you to work to ensure that the Senate's metallic pipe language is included in the final Energy and Water Development appropriations bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Lawhun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Rick Lawhun, P.E.  
President & CEO

**ACPPA Member Companies**

Ameron International Corporation, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Hanson Pressure Pipe, Dallas, TX

Munro Concrete Products, Ltd., Ontario, Canada

Vianini Pipe, Inc., Somerville, NJ

c.c. All members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees