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ADVOCACY UPDATE

Corrosion Prevention Mandated in 2024 Water Resources Development Act

Last night, House and Senate negotiators released their compromise version of the **Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)**. This biennial legislative package authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works Program and sets policy relevant to various industries in the water infrastructure space.

The 600+ page bill notably includes **Section. 1135 - Corrosion Prevention**, developed with AMPP and industry partners to recognize and support the advancement of corrosion prevention activities at water resources development projects. This is a significant win for materials protection in the water resources policy landscape.

The legislative language requires all water resources development projects authorized by WRDA—dozens of efforts every two years, each at considerable cost—to incorporate corrosion prevention activities. More precisely, the adjustment successfully sought by AMPP requires all such corrosion prevention activities to be carried out by a program that is:

- 1) offered or accredited by an organization that sets industry standards for corrosion mitigation and prevention; or
- 2) an industrial coatings applicator program that is an employment or training activity or registered under the National Apprenticeship Act.

Relatedly, the compromise WRDA released last night contains updated reporting requirements for the Secretary of the Army regarding corrosion prevention activities.

The iteration of WRDA passed in 2022 required the Secretary to report to Congress and make publicly available a study on the implementation, or not, of corrosion prevention activity at water resources infrastructure projects—a requirement that remains unfulfilled. The 2024 WRDA will now require the Secretary to provide a status report on this study within 90 days of enactment.

Because the WRDA text released last night represents a bicameral, bipartisan consensus, this legislation will pass both Chambers rapidly and be signed into law within days. AMPP will continue to monitor and advocate for policy wins that advance the materials protection industries.

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