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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 17, 2007

The Honorable James Inhofe, Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Inhofe:

Thank you for the opportunity to request your consideration of several provisions addressing flood control and navigation needs in Arkansas in the Water Resources Development Act of 2007. Enclosed please find completed certification forms for these requests.

Again, I appreciate your consideration of these requests. If you have any further questions regarding specific provisions relating to Arkansas, please contact Brandon McBride of my staff at 224-8575.

Sincerely,



Blanche L. Lincoln

cc: The Honorable Barbara Boxer, Chairman

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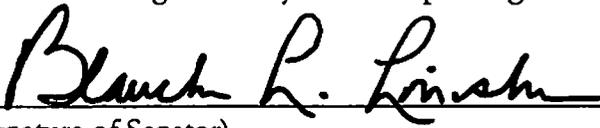
The Augusta and Clarendon, Arkansas project is located in White and Prairie Counties, Arkansas.

It will be executed by the Memphis District of the Corps of Engineers. The White River Levee District is the local sponsor for the project.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The project is located in Arkansas along the White River in White and Prairie Counties. The authorized plan provides for a levee along the east bank of the White River and around the town of Georgetown on the west bank with structures to care for interrupted drainage. The work consists of 47 miles of levee and the necessary drainage structures. Approximately 39 miles of the authorized levee work is complete. This request further modifies the authority of the Secretary to rehabilitate the completed portion of the levee from Augusta to Clarendon.

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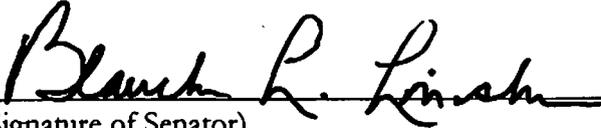
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The Cache River Basin, Grubbs, Arkansas project is located in Jackson County, Arkansas. It will be executed by the Memphis District of the Corps of Engineers.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The Cache River Basin feasibility study will assess flood control measures. Each year, thousands of acres are flooded due to large masses of timber, silt, garbage and other debris that block the flow of the Cache River. Heavy flooding is concentrated in an area on the Cache River south of Grubbs, Arkansas. However, the flooding is not limited to this area and has detrimentally affected areas in Poinsett and Craighead counties, as well. Study would provide estimates on the scope and extent of work needed to provide channel restoration and flood damage reduction and allow the Secretary to proceed with the project.

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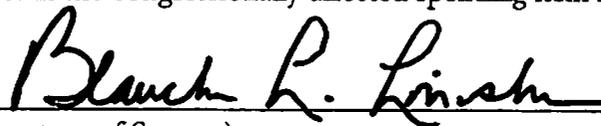
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The Des Arc Levee Protection project is located in Prairie County, Arkansas. It will be executed by the Memphis District of the Corps of Engineers.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

This project provides for protection of Des Arc, Arkansas, from White River floodwaters. The authorized features of the project include an earthen levee, a sewage pump, a storm water pump, two 60-inch culverts with floodgates and a sump area of 92 acre-feet. Bank caving and scour created by the White River is nearing the levee. This request authorizes the Secretary to review the Des Arc Levee to determine if bank and channel scour along the White River threaten the existing authorized features of the project. If a deficiency is found, the Secretary should construct, operate, maintain, replace, or rehabilitate these measures to eliminate the deficiencies.

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The East Arkansas Enterprise Community is located in Cross, Lee, Monroe, and St. Francis counties, Arkansas.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The East Arkansas Enterprise Community has a comprehensive plan to provide assistance with water management, but lacks the resources to help fulfill many basic needs. This modification allows federal assistance made available under the rural enterprise zone program of the Department of Agriculture to be used for the non-federal share of a project authorized in the Water Resources Development Act of 1992.

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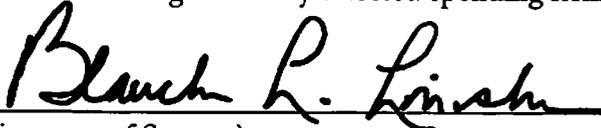
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The Little Red River Irrigation District is located in White County, Arkansas. The project will be executed by the Little Rock District of the Corps of Engineers.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

This project includes southern and eastern areas of White County, Arkansas. The Little Red River Irrigation District wishes to reverse the declining trend of the water table, the Alluvial Aquifer, by developing a reliable surface water irrigation source for approximately 81,000 acres, including 35,000 acres of irrigated cropland. This request authorizes the Secretary to expedite the feasibility report and environmental assessment for the rural water supply project for the Little Red River and include modifications for water supply and environmental restoration.

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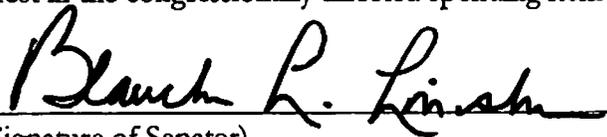
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The Little Rock Port project is located in Pulaski County, Arkansas. It will be executed by the Little Rock District of the Corps of Engineers. The local sponsor of the project is the Little Rock Port Authority.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The purpose of this project is to conduct a feasibility study and carry out the navigation project at the Little Rock Port on the Arkansas River.

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The May Branch project is located in Fort Smith, Arkansas. It will be executed by the Little Rock District Corps of Engineers. The local sponsor is the City of Fort Smith.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The May Branch project is intended to reduce flood damage in Fort Smith, Arkansas. May Branch flows through a covered conduit within the city limits into the Arkansas River. Flooding causes an estimated \$1.7 million in annual damages. This project would consist of channels, road and railroad crossings, and a gated structure through the levee.

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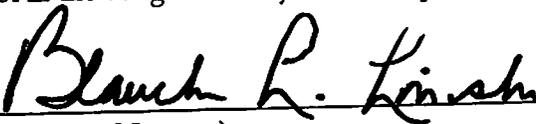
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The Osceola Harbor project is located in Mississippi County, Arkansas. This project will be executed by the Memphis District of the Corps of Engineers. The local sponsor of the project is the City of Osceola.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The purpose of this request is to modify the existing authorization for the Osceola Harbor project to allow non-Federal interests to construct a mooring facility to enhance the port's capability and create new jobs and economic opportunity. The construction of new docks would require the Corps of Engineers to move the channel to maintain the required width. This change in authority would allow the mooring facility to proceed with the regulatory permit application process.

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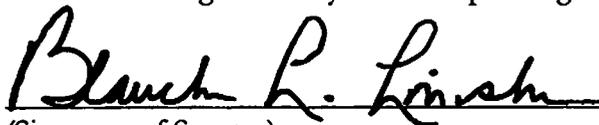
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The Pine Mountain Dam project is located in Crawford County, Arkansas. It will be executed by the Little Rock District of the Corps of Engineers. The River Valley Regional Water District is the local sponsor of the project.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The Pine Mountain Dam project was authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1965 to construct a dam on Lee Creek. The project would create a lake for flood control, water supply, recreation, and fish and wildlife enhancement. This modification to the authorization would add environmental restoration as a project purpose and direct the Secretary to finance the non-Federal share of the cost of the project over a 30-year period in accordance with section 103(k) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2213(k)).

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The Red-Ouachita River Basin Levees, Arkansas and Louisiana, project is located in southwest Arkansas and northwest Louisiana. It will be executed by the Vicksburg District of the Corps of Engineers. The local sponsor of the project is the Ouachita River Valley Association.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

I request this authorization because the banks of the Ouachita River and its tributaries are eroding and threatening Federal flood control levees and hindering navigation, as well as causing damage to utilities, roads, historic sites, and private property.

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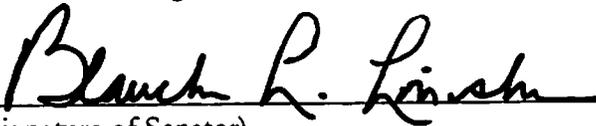
The St. Francis River Basin, Arkansas and Missouri, project is located in southeastern Missouri and northeastern Arkansas. It will be executed by the Memphis District of the Corps of Engineers.

In Arkansas, the local sponsor of the project is the St. Francis Levee District.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

Along the upper and lower St. Francis River Basin, scour and erosion are jeopardizing lands and structures, and the sediment is being deposited downstream. This modification allows the Secretary to undertake channel stabilization and sediment removal measures as a non-seperarable element of the original project.

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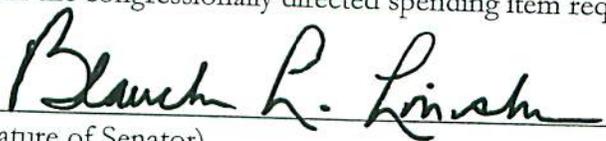
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The St. Francis Basin, Arkansas and Missouri, project is located in northeast Arkansas and southeast Missouri. It will be executed by the Memphis District of the Corps of Engineers. The local sponsor of this project is the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission currently manages mitigation lands located in the St. Francis Basin project. The Corps of Engineers, the Game and Fish Commission, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service see a tremendous benefit in the fee title transfer of these mitigation lands to the Game and Fish Commission directly from the Corps of Engineers. These lands would be an excellent compliment to the St. Francis Sunken Lands Wildlife Management Area administered by the state of Arkansas. This request authorizes and sets the terms and conditions for the Secretary to transfer the land to the Game and Fish Commission.

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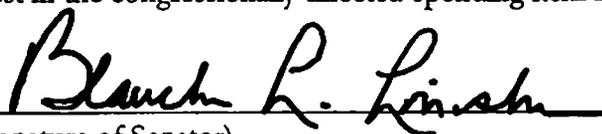
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The White River Basin, Arkansas and Missouri, project is located in northeastern Arkansas and southern Missouri. It will be executed by the Memphis District of the Corps of Engineers. The local sponsor is the State of Arkansas.

The purpose of the congressionally directed spending item:

The White River Basin comprises approximately 28,000 square miles in northeastern Arkansas and southern Missouri. The potential project outputs include optimization of reservoir operations, and comprehensive projects to address water resource needs for water supply, flood control, waste water management, navigation, recreation, power generation, and other water resources-related needs identified in the comprehensive study. This authorization will modify the non-federal cost share agreement and require a non-federal match of 25 percent.

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