

ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE

2125 RAYBURN HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515-6115

Majority (202) 225-2927
Minority (202) 225-3641

July 11, 2013

Ms. Jennifer Moyer
Acting Chief
Regulatory Program
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
441 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20314

Dear Ms. Moyer:

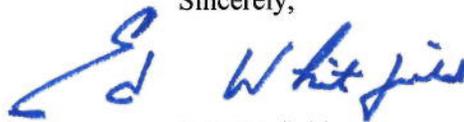
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Power on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, to testify at the hearing entitled "U.S. Energy Abundance: Regulatory, Market, and Legal Barriers to Export."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions by the close of business on Thursday, July 25, 2013. Your responses should be e-mailed to the Legislative Clerk in Word format at Nick.Abraham@mail.house.gov and mailed to Nick Abraham, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

cc: The Honorable Bobby L. Rush, Ranking Member,
Subcommittee on Energy and Power

Attachment

The Honorable Ed Whitfield

1. The President's Council on Environmental Quality released draft guidance in 2010 proposing that federal agencies consider the climate change effects of their actions. This is an unprecedented step with far-reaching geopolitical implications, as it effectively puts the U.S. in the position of evaluating the energy consumption choices and environmental policies of our trading partners.
 - a. If finalized, would this guidance require the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to consider the international climate change impacts associated with coal consumed in foreign countries that was exported from U.S. ports?
 - b. Has the Corps ever considered the international climate change effects in the permitting of U.S. export terminals?
 - c. How much longer would it take for the Corps to incorporate a global life-cycle environmental analysis, including greenhouse gases, into the NEPA review?
 - d. What are some of the challenges to performing such a global life-cycle analysis?
2. If the Corps of Engineers is required to complete a global life-cycle environmental analysis as part of its NEPA review for a coal export terminal, would the Corps be able to determine the relationship between a single coal export facility and the global environment? What are some of the variables you would have to contend with in understanding such a relationship?
3. What is the average timeframe for the Corps to complete an environmental impact statement for a proposed marine export terminal?
4. You testified that the NEPA documents for the three proposed projects are "at an early stage." How long do you anticipate the whole NEPA process will take for these projects? How about just for the Corps' portion of the review? Will you commit to an expeditious timeline for completion of the review?