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## Congress Passes Continuing Resolution with Disaster Aid Provisions

*Consider it a Disaster Supplemental*

Late Friday night the House and Senate passed a Continuing Resolution funding the government through mid-March. The bill also contained funding for the Corps of Engineers which includes \$20 million in Investigations funding for flood and storm damage reduction studies, including shore protection studies in disaster affected States and regions with major disasters between 2022 and 2024. Studies are authorized at 100% federal expense.

In addition, the bill includes \$700 million for construction of Corps projects. Of that funding, \$100 million is for Continuing Authorities Projects to reduce flood and storm risk and \$300 million shall be used to initiate or complete disaster impacted Environmental Infrastructure work, which really means stormwater projects. The remaining \$300 million shall be used for projects that were previously authorized. Furthermore, Section 902 cost limitations do not apply, and the non-federal sponsors may finance project construction costs over 30-years in accordance with Section 103(k) of WRDA86.

\$50 million is available under Mississippi River and Tributaries to address emergency situations at Corps projects.

Finally, the bill includes \$745 million for Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies (FCCE funding) which is post-storm disaster funding designed to restore beach nourishment projects to their design profiles at full federal expense.

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