



## **Advocacy Alert:**

### **Victory on Water Infrastructure Improvement Bill**

#### **THE ISSUE**

Ports, waterways, flood protection systems, and ecosystem restoration projects are critical to the nation's economy, global competitiveness, and community safety. However, many of these projects face funding and authorization delays, which slow infrastructure improvements, disrupt supply chains, and limit the ability to move goods efficiently. Without timely investment and policy support, these gaps can hinder economic growth and weaken protections against flooding and environmental degradation.

#### **AFS ADVOCACY**

To address these challenges, AFS supported bipartisan legislation aimed at improving the nation's water resources infrastructure. In December 2024, Congress approved the Water Resources Development Act of 2024 (S. 4367), which authorizes new projects nationwide and includes constructive policy changes for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These provisions are designed to streamline project delivery, enhance infrastructure resilience, and ensure that critical improvements move forward.

#### **THE POSITIVE OUTCOME**

The newly authorized projects will strengthen supply chains, enhance global trade competitiveness, grow the economy, and safeguard communities from flooding. They will also require significant volumes of metal castings, creating demand for the industry and supporting manufacturing jobs. By helping secure this legislative win, AFS positioned the foundry industry to play a vital role in delivering the infrastructure improvements that benefit the entire nation.