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U.S. Federal Policy & Program Update

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OVERVIEW

• Overview – What to Watch
• Farm Bill
• Defense
• Commerce
• Storms, Spills & Disasters!
• Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
• It’s about Congress

• Key issues – critical pathways forward

• States and provinces may hold key
• Congress may begin work this fall (House = fall, Senate = winter).

• Should there be a Farm Bill reauthorization?

• If so, key programs that could impact the Great Lakes:
  • RCPP
  • Conservation programs
  • Invasive Species
  • Insurance subsidies
• Brandon Road
• VIDA
• National Flood Insurance Program
• GLRI $afe in U.S. Hou$e. $enate?

• FY18 Timing

• Expect proposed FY19 “PresBud” to use same playbook.

• Expect continued key support for:
  • Cleaning Up AOCs
  • Invasive Species
  • Runoff
  • Green Infrastructure
I miss you guys!

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