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Washington D.C. - The U.S. House of Representatives late Wednesday passed the Energy and Water Development Appropriation, which includes funds to continue the modernization of Locks and Dams 2, 3 and 4 on the lower Monongahela River, to address natural gas pipeline security, and to fund flood control, water and sewerage projects, according to Congressman John Murtha.

A total of \$62.7 million was included for work on the massive Mon River locks and dams project, specifically for the new Charleroi lock and dam. This is an increase from current funding level of \$50.8 million, Murtha said.

"The Mon River locks and dams are critical to the economy of Fayette, Greene and Washington counties, so I'm pleased that we have a strong funding level in the appropriation," Murtha said. "We're looking at another extremely tight budget for fiscal year 2007, but this funding level will enable this massive project to continue to move forward."

"Natural gas pipelines run through all types of areas, ranging from remote woodlands to highly developed urban centers, where problems can be difficult to pinpoint and address. The goals are to reduce the loss of energy and to more quickly restore service and reduce the dangers present around leaks," Murtha said.