

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 25, 1975

The President
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the Department of Transportation.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Enclosure



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

July 25, 1975

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Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration an amendment to the request for appropriations transmitted in the budget for the fiscal year 1976, involving an increase in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the Department of Transportation as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

COAST GUARD

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1976 Budget Request	1976 Proposed Amendment	1976 Revised Request
674	Pollution fund (definite)	10,000,000	10,000,000

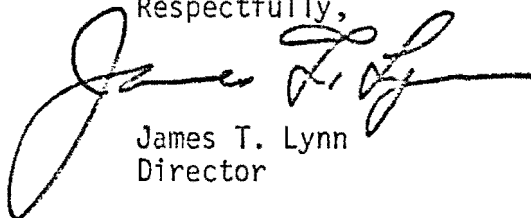
For carrying out the provisions of subsections (c), (d), (i), and (l) of section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (Public Law 92-500), \$10,000,000 to remain available until expended. (Section 311 (k) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, Public Law 92-500, approved October 18, 1972. The Intervention on the High Seas Act, Public Law 93-248, approved February 5, 1974.)

The proposed amendment would restore the fund balance to a level considered sufficient to respond to a major catastrophe, should one occur. The fund balance has decreased to approximately \$2,000,000 as of June 6, 1975. Two 1974 court decisions have resulted in a virtual cessation of payments to the fund. Ordinarily, fines assessed and recovery of costs from discharges would replenish the fund; however, the reduction in collection of fines has reduced the fund to the level where increased definite appropriations are necessary.

The indefinite authority in this account has been reestimated to be \$2,000,000 rather than the \$5,000,000 included in the budget. This has resulted from the decrease in payments to the fund.

I have carefully reviewed the proposal for appropriations contained in this document and am satisfied that this request is necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James T. Lynn".

James T. Lynn
Director

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