

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 8, 1976

The Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider fiscal year 1976 supplemental appropriations of \$300 million, and an offsetting 1977 budget amendment, for liquidation of contractual obligations incurred by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur in his comments and observations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and 'F'.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

March 8, 1976

The President

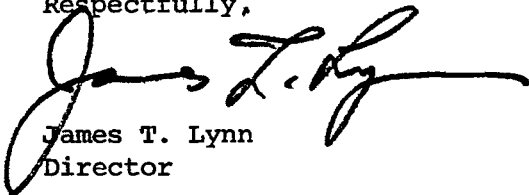
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Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$300,000,000 for the liquidation of contract authority for fiscal year 1976, with an offsetting budget amendment reducing the request for liquidating cash by \$300,000,000 for fiscal year 1977, for the Environmental Protection Agency. Details of these proposals are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed these budget requests and I am satisfied that they are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that these proposals be submitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "James T. Lynn", is written over the typed name and title.

James T. Lynn  
Director

Enclosure

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

## CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

Proposed supplemental for 1976:

For an additional amount for liquidation of obligations, "Construction grants," \$300,000,000.

Proposed amendment for 1977:

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 Request pending	1977 Proposed amendment	1977 Revised request
636	Construction grants	\$4,100,000,000	-\$300,000,000	\$3,800,000,000

The requested supplemental appropriation would provide the funds necessary in 1976 to liquidate obligations incurred by the Environmental Protection Agency under contract authority for the construction of municipal wastewater treatment facilities. The 1977 budget provided for liquidating these obligations in fiscal year 1977. However, as a result of re-estimates of program activity through January 31, 1976, it now appears that these obligations will require payment in 1976 rather than 1977. Supplemental appropriations are therefore required for 1976, to be offset by an equal reduction in the 1977 requested appropriation.