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H. R. 4479

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) to authorize appropriations in each of fiscal years 1994–2001 for the construction of wastewater treatment works to provide water pollution control in or near the United States-Mexico border area.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 1994

Mr. COPPERSMITH (by request) (for himself, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. PASTOR, and Mr. BRYANT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Public Works and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited
4 as the “U.S.-Mexico Border Water Pollution Control Act”.

5 SEC. 2. Title V of the Federal Water Pollution Act
6 (33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.) is amended by adding at the
7 end thereof the following new section:

1 “SEC. 520. (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this sec-
2 tion is to protect the economy, public health, environment,
3 surface water, ground water, and water quality of the
4 U.S.-Mexico border area which is endangered and is being
5 polluted by raw or partially treated sewage, in furtherance
6 of the goals of the Agreement Between The Government
7 Of The United States Of America And The Government
8 Of The United Mexican States Concerning The Establish-
9 ment Of A Border Environment Cooperation Commission
10 And A North American Development Bank (Signed No-
11 vember 16 and 18, 1993), and the Federal Water Pollu-
12 tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.). This section
13 shall not be construed so as to affect or impair the provi-
14 sions of any international agreement of the United States.
15 Nor shall it be construed so as to affect or impair any
16 Federal legislation applicable to the Border Environment
17 Cooperation Commission, the North American Develop-
18 ment Bank, or the International Boundary and Water
19 Commission, the United States and Mexico.

20 “(b) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WASTEWATER
21 TREATMENT WORKS.—The Administrator is authorized
22 to provide financial and other assistance to the Border En-
23 vironment Cooperation Commission, any appropriate Fed-
24 eral, State or local governmental entity, and the Inter-
25 national Boundary and Water Commission, the United

1 States and Mexico, subject to such terms and conditions
2 as the Administrator deems appropriate, for planning, de-
3 sign, and construction of wastewater treatment works for
4 the purposes specified in section (a). Such wastewater
5 treatment works shall be located, regardless of the place
6 of origin or ultimate destination of the wastewater, in the
7 U.S.-Mexico border area (or near the U.S.-Mexico border
8 areas they would remedy a transboundary environmental
9 or health problem) and shall be planned, designed, and
10 constructed in accordance with any applicable inter-
11 national agreement to which the United States is a party.

12 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
13 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes
14 of this Act \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1994, \$47,500,000
15 for fiscal year 1995, \$100,000,000 for each of fiscal years
16 1996 through 2000, and \$22,000,000 for fiscal year
17 2001.”.

18 SEC. 3. Section 502 of the Clean Water Act is amend-
19 ed by adding the following new subsection:

20 “(20) The term ‘border area’ has the meaning such
21 term has under Article 4 of the Agreement Between The
22 United States Of America And The United Mexican
23 States On Cooperation For The Protection And Improve-
24 ment Of The Environment In The Border Area (Signed

1 August 14, 1993, commonly known as the ‘La Paz Agree-
2 ment’).”.

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