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S. 540

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 10 (legislative day, MARCH 6), 1995

Mr. GLENN (for himself, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Assessment and Reme-
3 diation of Contaminated Sediments Reauthorization Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION OF CONTAMI-
5 NATED SEDIMENTS.**

6 Section 118(c)(7) of the Federal Water Pollution
7 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(7)) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following:

9 “(D) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Adminis-
11 trator, acting through the Program Office,
12 in consultation and cooperation with the
13 Assistant Secretary of the Army having re-
14 sponsibility for civil works, shall conduct at
15 least 3 demonstration projects involving
16 promising technologies and practices to
17 remedy contaminated sediments (including
18 at least 1 full-scale demonstration of a re-
19 mediation technology) at sites in the Great
20 Lakes System, as the Administrator deter-
21 mines appropriate.

22 “(ii) SELECTION OF SITES.—In select-
23 ing sites for the demonstration projects,
24 the Administrator shall give priority con-
25 sideration to—

26 “(I) the Ashtabula River in Ohio;

1 “(II) the Buffalo River in New
2 York;

3 “(III) Duluth and Superior Har-
4 bor in Minnesota;

5 “(IV) the Fox River in Wiscon-
6 sin;

7 “(V) the Grand Calumet River in
8 Indiana; and

9 “(VI) Saginaw Bay in Michigan.

10 “(iii) DEADLINES.—In carrying out
11 this subparagraph, the Administrator
12 shall—

13 “(I) not later than 18 months
14 after the date of enactment of this
15 subparagraph, identify at least 3 sites
16 and the technologies and practices to
17 be demonstrated at the sites (includ-
18 ing at least 1 full-scale demonstration
19 of a remediation technology); and

20 “(II) not later than 5 years after
21 the date of enactment, complete at
22 least 3 demonstration projects (includ-
23 ing at least 1 full-scale demonstration
24 of a remediation technology).

1 “(iv) ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.—The
2 Administrator, acting through the Pro-
3 gram Office, in consultation and coopera-
4 tion with the Assistant Secretary of the
5 Army having responsibility for civil works,
6 may conduct additional pilot- and full-scale
7 demonstration projects involving promising
8 technologies and practices at sites in the
9 Great Lakes System other than the sites
10 selected under clause (i).

11 “(v) EXECUTION OF PROJECTS.—The
12 Administrator may cooperate with the As-
13 sistant Secretary of the Army having re-
14 sponsibility for civil works to plan, engi-
15 neer, design, and execute demonstration
16 projects under this subparagraph.

17 “(vi) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBU-
18 TIONS.—The Administrator may accept
19 non-Federal contributions to carry out
20 demonstration projects under this subpara-
21 graph.

22 “(vii) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
23 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
24 priated to carry out this subparagraph

1 \$3,500,000 for each of fiscal years 1997
2 through 2001.

3 “(E) TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND AS-
4 SISTANCE.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Adminis-
6 trator, acting through the Program Office,
7 may provide technical information and as-
8 sistance involving technologies and prac-
9 tices for remediation of contaminated sedi-
10 ments to persons that request the informa-
11 tion or assistance.

12 “(ii) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRIOR-
13 ITIES.—In providing technical assistance
14 under this subparagraph, the Adminis-
15 trator, acting through the Program Office,
16 shall give special priority to requests for
17 integrated assessments of, and rec-
18 ommendations regarding, remediation tech-
19 nologies and practices for contaminated
20 sediments at Great Lakes areas of concern.

21 “(iii) COORDINATION WITH OTHER
22 DEMONSTRATIONS.—The Administrator
23 shall—

24 “(I) coordinate technology dem-
25 onstrations conducted under this sub-

1 paragraph with other federally as-
2 sisted demonstrations of contaminated
3 sediment remediation technologies;
4 and

5 “(II) share information from the
6 demonstrations conducted under this
7 subparagraph with the other dem-
8 onstrations.

9 “(iv) OTHER SEDIMENT REMEDIATION
10 ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this subpara-
11 graph limits the authority of the Adminis-
12 trator to carry out sediment remediation
13 activities under other laws.

14 “(v) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
15 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
16 priated to carry out this subparagraph
17 \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1997
18 through 2001.

19 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF GREAT LAKES**
20 **APPROPRIATIONS.**

21 Section 118(h) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
22 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(h)) is amended by striking “for
23 fiscal year 1991. Of the” and all that follows through the

- 1 period at the end and inserting “for each of fiscal years
- 2 1991 through 2001.”.

