

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2417

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## AN ACT

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to increase funding for State nonpoint source pollution control programs, and for other purposes.

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.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Water Pollution Pro-  
5       gram Enhancements Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

6 (2) NAPA STUDY.—The term “NAPA Study” means the study required to be carried out under section 4(b).

9 (3) NAS STUDY.—The term “NAS Study” means the study required to be carried out under section 4(a).

12 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES.**

14 (a) STATE GRANTS.—Section 106 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1256) is amending by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

17 “(a) FUNDING.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated \$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2007, to remain available until expended, for grants to States and interstate agencies to be used in carrying out this section, including—

23 (A) the administration of programs for the prevention, reduction, and elimination of 24 pollutants; and

1                   “(B) enforcement carried out directly or  
2                   through appropriate State law enforcement offi-  
3                   cers and agencies.

4                   “(2) STATE ACTIVITIES.—Of the amount au-  
5                   thorized under paragraph (1) for any fiscal year,  
6                   \$50,000,000 shall be made available to States for—

7                   “(A) the collection of reliable monitoring  
8                   data;

9                   “(B) the improvement of lists prepared  
10                   under section 303(d)(1);

11                   “(C) the preparation of total maximum  
12                   daily load allocations under section 303(d); and

13                   “(D) the development of watershed man-  
14                   agement strategies.

15                   (b) NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS.—  
16                   Section 319 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act  
17                   (33 U.S.C. 1329) is amended by striking subsection (j)  
18                   and inserting the following:

19                   “(j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

20                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs (2)  
21                   and (3), there is authorized to be appropriated to  
22                   carry out subsections (h) and (i) \$500,000,000 for  
23                   each of fiscal years 2001 through 2007, to remain  
24                   available until expended.

1           “(2) GROUNDWATER QUALITY.—Of the amount  
2        authorized under paragraph (1) for any fiscal year,  
3        not more than \$7,500,000 may be made available to  
4        carry out subsection (i).

5           “(3) PROJECT GRANTS.—

6           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount au-  
7        thorized under paragraph (1) for any fiscal  
8        year, \$200,000,000 shall be made available to  
9        States to provide grants to landowners to de-  
10       velop and implement nonpoint source pollution  
11       control projects or activities to restore or im-  
12       prove the water quality of impaired water that  
13       has been identified by a State as a priority for  
14       restoration.

15           “(B) COST SHARING.—

16           “(i) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal  
17        share of the costs of any project or activity  
18        funded under this paragraph shall not ex-  
19       ceed 90 percent.

20           “(ii) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—The re-  
21        cipient of a grant under this paragraph  
22        may use funds from other Federal pro-  
23       grams and eligible in-kind contributions to  
24        satisfy the non-Federal share.

1                   “(C) LIMITATION.—Grants under this  
2                   paragraph shall not be made available for  
3                   projects or activities that are required to be  
4                   carried out under Federal or State law.”.

5 **SEC. 4. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

6                   (a) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES STUDY.—

7                   (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall con-  
8                   tract with the National Academy of Sciences to con-  
9                   duct a study of—

10                   (A) the scientific basis underlying the de-  
11                   velopment and implementation of total max-  
12                   imum daily loads under the Federal Water Pol-  
13                   lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.);  
14                   and

15                   (B) the availability and effectiveness of al-  
16                   ternative programs or mechanisms in producing  
17                   quantifiable reductions of pollution from point  
18                   sources and non point sources to achieve water  
19                   quality standards.

20                   (2) SUBMISSION OF NAS STUDY TO CON-  
21                   GRESS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of  
22                   enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-  
23                   mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
24                   structure Committee of the House of Representa-

1       tives and the Committee on Environment and Public  
2       Works of the Senate a copy of the NAS Study.

7 (b) NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRA-  
8 TORS STUDY.—

12 (A) the effectiveness of existing voluntary  
13 and other programs, activities, and practices  
14 being implemented as of the date of enactment  
15 of this Act in producing quantifiable reductions  
16 in pollution from point sources and nonpoint  
17 sources and attaining water quality standards;  
18 and

19 (B) the costs and benefits associated with  
20 the programs, activities, and practices described  
21 in subparagraph (A) that are incurred by State  
22 and local governments and the private sector.

1 mit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-  
2 structure of the House of Representatives and the  
3 Committee on Environment and Public Works of the  
4 Senate a copy of the NAPA Study.

Passed the Senate October 10 (legislative day, September 22), 2000.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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