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OCTOBER 11, 2000

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Adminis-
4 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
5 mental Protection Agency.

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

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

12 **SEC. 3. FUNDING FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL MEAS-**
13 **URES.**

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

17 “(a) FUNDING.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
19 appropriated \$250,000,000 for each of fiscal years
20 2001 through 2007, to remain available until ex-
21 pended, for grants to States and interstate agencies
22 to be used in carrying out this section, including—

23 “(A) the administration of programs for
24 the prevention, reduction, and elimination of
25 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.

3 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
5 the LAS Study \$2,000,000, to remain available until
6 expended.

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

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall con-
10 tract with the National Academy of Public Adminis-
11 trators to conduct a study of—

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.

23 (2) SUBMISSION OF NAPA STUDY TO CON-
24 GRESS.—Not later than 18 months after the date of
25 enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-

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.

5 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

6 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
7 the NAPA Study \$3,000,000, to remain available
8 until expended.

 Passed the Senate October 10 (legislative day, Sep-
tember 22), 2000.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.