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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Legacy
 5 Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMEDIATION OF SEDIMENT CONTAMINATION IN**
 7 **AREAS OF CONCERN IN THE GREAT LAKES.**

8 Section 118(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
 9 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)) is amended by adding at the
 10 end the following:

11 “(12) REMEDIATION OF SEDIMENT CONTAMINA-
 12 TION IN AREAS OF CONCERN.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with
 14 this paragraph, the Administrator, acting
 15 through the Great Lakes National Program Of-
 16 fice and in coordination with the Office of Re-
 17 search and Development, may carry out quali-
 18 fied projects.

19 “(B) QUALIFIED PROJECT.—In this para-
 20 graph, a qualified project is a project to be car-
 21 ried out in an area of concern located wholly or
 22 in part in the United States that—

23 “(i) monitors or evaluates contami-
 24 nated sediment;

1 “(ii) subject to subparagraph (D), im-
2 plements a plan to remediate contaminated
3 sediment; or

4 “(iii) prevents further or renewed con-
5 tamination of sediment.

6 “(C) PRIORITY.—In selecting projects to
7 carry out under this paragraph, the Adminis-
8 trator shall give priority to a project that—

9 “(i) constitutes remedial action for
10 contaminated sediment;

11 “(ii) has been identified in a Remedial
12 Action Plan submitted pursuant to para-
13 graph (3) and is ready to be implemented;
14 or

15 “(iii) will use an innovative approach,
16 technology, or technique that may provide
17 greater environmental benefits or equiva-
18 lent environmental benefits at a reduced
19 cost.

20 “(D) LIMITATION.—The Administrator
21 may not carry out a project under this para-
22 graph for remediation of contaminated sedi-
23 ments located in an area of concern—

24 “(i) if an evaluation of remedial alter-
25 natives for the area of concern has not

1 been conducted, including a review of the
2 short-term and long-term effects of the al-
3 ternatives on human health and the envi-
4 ronment; or

5 “(ii) if the Administrator determines
6 that the area of concern is likely to suffer
7 significant further or renewed contamina-
8 tion from existing sources of pollutants
9 causing sediment contamination following
10 completion of the project.

11 “(E) NON-FEDERAL MATCHING REQUIRE-
12 MENT.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The non-Federal
14 share of the cost of a project carried out
15 under this paragraph shall be not less than
16 35 percent.

17 “(ii) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS.—The
18 non-Federal share of the cost of a project
19 carried out under this paragraph may in-
20 clude the value of in-kind services contrib-
21 uted by a non-Federal sponsor, including
22 any in-kind service performed under an ad-
23 ministrative order on consent or judicial
24 consent decree, but not including any in-

1 kind services performed under a unilateral
2 administrative order or court order.

3 “(iii) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.—The non-Federal share of the
4 cost of the operation and maintenance of a
5 project carried out under this paragraph
6 shall be 100 percent.

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8 “(F) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—The
9 Administrator may not carry out a project
10 under this paragraph unless the non-Federal
11 sponsor enters into such agreements with the
12 Administrator as the Administrator may require
13 to ensure that the non-Federal sponsor will
14 maintain its aggregate expenditures from all
15 other sources for remediation programs in the
16 area of concern in which the project is located
17 at or above the average level of such expendi-
18 tures in its 2 fiscal years preceding the date on
19 which the project is initiated.

20 “(G) COORDINATION.—In carrying out
21 projects under this paragraph, the Adminis-
22 trator shall coordinate with the Secretary of the
23 Army, and with the Governors of States in
24 which the projects are located, to ensure that
25 Federal and State assistance for remediation in

1 areas of concern is used as efficiently as pos-
 2 sible.

3 “(H) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
 4 TIONS.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In addition to
 6 other amounts authorized under this sec-
 7 tion, there is authorized to be appropriated
 8 to carry out this paragraph \$50,000,000
 9 for each of fiscal years 2003 through
 10 2007.

11 “(ii) AVAILABILITY.—Funds appro-
 12 priated under clause (i) shall remain avail-
 13 able until expended.”.

14 **SEC. 3. RELATIONSHIP TO FEDERAL AND STATE AUTHORI-**
 15 **TIES.**

16 Section 118(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
 17 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1268) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “construed to affect” and insert-
 19 ing the following: “construed—

20 “(1) to affect”;

21 (2) by striking the period at the end and insert-
 22 ing “; or”;

23 (3) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(2) to affect any other Federal or State au-
 25 thority that is being used or may be used to facili-

1 tate the cleanup and protection of the Great
2 Lakes.”; and

3 (4) by aligning the remainder of the text of
4 paragraph (1) (as designated by paragraph (1) of
5 this section) with paragraph (2) (as added by para-
6 graph (3) of this section).

7 **SEC. 4. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—In coordination with other Fed-
9 eral and local officials, the Administrator of the Environ-
10 mental Protection Agency is authorized to conduct re-
11 search on the development and use of innovative ap-
12 proaches, technologies, and techniques for the remediation
13 of sediment contamination in areas of concern in the
14 Great Lakes.

15 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts au-
17 thorized under other laws, there is authorized to be
18 appropriated to carry out this section \$2,000,000 for
19 each of fiscal years 2003 through 2007.

1 (2) AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated under
2 paragraph (1) shall remain available until expended.

 Passed the House of Representatives September 4,
2002.

Attest:

Clerk.