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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to direct the Great Lakes National Program Office of the Environmental Protection Agency to develop, implement, monitor, and report on a series of indicators of water quality and related environmental factors in the Great Lakes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 8, 2003

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes Controlled
5 Data Collection and Monitoring Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) there are no comprehensive, regularly-col-
4 lected data that reveal whether the water quality or
5 related environmental factors of the Great Lakes
6 have improved as a result of efforts to remediate
7 and protect the Great Lakes;

8 (2) that lack of data was confirmed in May
9 2003 in a report by the General Accounting Office
10 that concluded that existing data were inadequate to
11 assess the overall progress of restoration efforts in
12 the Great Lakes; and

13 (3) without those data, it is impossible to deter-
14 mine whether—

15 (A) progress is being made toward achiev-
16 ing the goals contained in the Great Lakes
17 Water Quality Agreement between the United
18 States and Canada; or

19 (B) Federal and State water quality stand-
20 ards and remediation programs are effective.

21 **SEC. 3. GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY INDICATORS AND**
22 **MONITORING.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 118(c)(1) of the Federal
24 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(1)) is
25 amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the
26 following:

1 “(B)(i) Not later than 2 years after the
2 date of enactment of this clause, the Adminis-
3 trator, in cooperation with Canada and appro-
4 priate Federal agencies (including the United
5 States Geological Survey, the National Oceanic
6 and Atmospheric Administration, and the
7 United States Fish and Wildlife Service), shall
8 develop and implement a set of science-based
9 indicators of water quality and related environ-
10 mental factors in the Great Lakes, including, at
11 a minimum, measures of toxic pollutants that
12 have accumulated in the Great Lakes for a sub-
13 stantial period of time, as determined by the
14 Program Office.

15 “(ii) Not later than 4 years after the date
16 of enactment of this clause, the Administrator
17 shall establish a Federal network for the reg-
18 ular monitoring of, and collection of data
19 throughout, the Great Lakes basin with respect
20 to the indicators described in clause (i) and col-
21 lect an initial set of benchmark data from the
22 network.

23 “(iii) Not later than 2 years after the date
24 of collection of the data described in clause (ii),
25 and biennially thereafter, the Administrator

1 shall submit to Congress, and make available to
2 the public, a report (in addition to the report
3 required under paragraph (10)), that—

4 “(I) describes the water quality and
5 related environmental factors of the Great
6 Lakes (including any changes in those fac-
7 tors), as determined through the regular
8 monitoring of indicators under clause (ii)
9 for the period covered by the report; and

10 “(II) identifies any emerging problems
11 in the water quality or related environ-
12 mental factors of the Great Lakes.”.

13 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
14 118 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
15 U.S.C. 1268) is amended by striking subsection (h) and
16 inserting the following:

17 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be
19 appropriated to carry out this section (other than
20 subsection (c)(1)(B)) \$32,000,000 for each of fiscal
21 years 2004 through 2008.

22 “(2) GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY INDICA-
23 TORS AND MONITORING.—There are authorized to
24 be appropriated to carry out subsection (c)(1)(B)—

25 “(A) \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2004;

1 “(B) \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2005;

2 “(C) \$9,000,000 for fiscal year 2006; and

3 “(D) \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 2007.”.

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