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To provide for the establishment of the position of Deputy Administrator for Science and Technology of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

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Mr. EHLERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Science

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 “Strengthening Science
5 at the Environmental Protection Agency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 For purposes of this Act—

8 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
9 ministrator of the Agency;

1 (2) the term “Agency” means the Environ-
2 mental Protection Agency;

3 (3) the term “Deputy” means the Deputy Ad-
4 ministrator for Science and Technology appointed
5 under section 4; and

6 (4) the term “research” means research, devel-
7 opment, and demonstration.

8 **SEC. 3. RESEARCH MISSION OF AGENCY.**

9 Conducting, sponsoring, and evaluating environ-
10 mental science and technology research shall be a central
11 mission of the Agency. The results of such research shall
12 be used to help initiate, formulate, and carry out the
13 Agency’s agenda, and the Agency shall seek to increase
14 the public’s understanding of environmental science and
15 technology by making those research results available to
16 the public.

17 **SEC. 4. DEPUTY.**

18 (a) APPOINTMENT.—The President shall appoint, by
19 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Deputy
20 Administrator for Science and Technology, who shall co-
21 ordinate and oversee the science and technology activities
22 of the Agency and ensure that Agency decisions are in-
23 formed by the results of appropriate and relevant re-
24 search.

25 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Deputy shall—

1 (1) provide advice to the Administrator regard-
2 ing science and technology issues and their relation-
3 ship to Agency policies, procedures, and decisions;

4 (2) participate in developing the Agency's stra-
5 tegic plans and policies and review the science and
6 technology aspects of those plans and policies;

7 (3) coordinate the acquisition and compilation
8 of relevant science and technology information avail-
9 able from academic sources, government agencies,
10 and the private sector;

11 (4) develop and oversee guidelines for the dis-
12 semination of research results conducted, sponsored,
13 or cited by the Agency to the public, including his-
14 torically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-
15 serving institutions, minority communities, and rural
16 communities; and

17 (5) develop and oversee guidelines for peer re-
18 view of science and technology research.

19 (c) **QUALIFICATIONS.**—An individual appointed
20 under subsection (a) shall be a person who has an out-
21 standing science and technology background, including re-
22 search accomplishments, scientific reputation, and public
23 policy experience.

24 (d) **CONSULTATION.**—Before appointing an indi-
25 vidual under subsection (a), the President shall consult

1 with the National Academy of Sciences, the National
2 Academy of Engineering, the Science Advisory Board of
3 the Agency, and other appropriate scientific organizations.

4 (e) COMPENSATION.—The Deputy shall be com-
5 pensated at the rate provided for level III of the Executive
6 Schedule pursuant to section 5314 of title 5, United
7 States Code.

8 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 5314 of
9 title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following:

11 “Deputy Administrator for Science and Technology
12 of the Environmental Protection Agency.”.

13 **SEC. 5. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR RESEARCH AND**
14 **DEVELOPMENT.**

15 (a) TITLE AND TERM.—There shall be an Assistant
16 Administrator for Research and Development of the Agen-
17 cy, who shall also have the title of Chief Scientist of the
18 Agency. Appointments to such position made after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act shall be for a term of
20 5 years unless sooner removed by the President.

21 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual appointed
22 under subsection (a) shall be a person who has an out-
23 standing science and technology background, including re-

- 1 search accomplishments, scientific reputation, and experi-
- 2 ence in leading a research and development organization.

