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2D SESSION

# H. R. 5421

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2004

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Save Our Waters From  
5 Sewage Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SEWAGE DUMPING.**

7 In administering the National Pollutant Discharge  
8 Elimination System permit program under the Federal

1 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), the  
2 Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency  
3 shall not promulgate any regulations or issue any guidance  
4 documents that would authorize a publicly-owned treat-  
5 ment works to divert flows to bypass a portion of its treat-  
6 ment facility unless the bypass is unavoidable to prevent  
7 loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage.

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