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Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

AN ACT

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 to modify the grant program to improve sanitation in rural and Native villages in the State of Alaska.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. GRANTS TO ALASKA TO IMPROVE SANITATION**
2 **IN RURAL AND NATIVE VILLAGES.**

3 Section 303 of the Safe Drinking Water Act Amend-
4 ments of 1996 (33 U.S.C. 1263a) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
6 section (h);

7 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(e) **REQUIREMENTS.**—As a condition of receiving a
10 grant under this section, the State of Alaska shall—

11 “(1) require each applicant to clearly identify
12 the scope and the goal of the project for which fund-
13 ing is sought and how the funds will be used to meet
14 the specific, stated goal of the project;

15 “(2) establish long-term goals for the program,
16 including providing water and sewer systems to
17 Alaska Native villages; and

18 “(3) carry out regular reviews of grantees to
19 determine if the stated scope and goals of each grant
20 are being met.

21 “(f) **REPORTING.**—Not later than December 31,
22 2007 (with respect to fiscal year 2007), and annually
23 thereafter (with respect to each subsequent fiscal year),
24 the State of Alaska shall submit to the Administrator of
25 the Environmental Protection Agency a report describing
26 the information obtained under subsection (e), including—

1 “(1) the specific goals of each project;

2 “(2) how funds were used to meet the goal; and

3 “(3) whether the goals were met.

4 “(g) REVIEW.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
6 Environmental Protection Agency shall require the
7 State of Alaska to correct any deficiencies identified
8 in the report under subsection (f).

9 “(2) FAILURE TO CORRECT OR REACH AGREE-
10 MENT.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If a deficiency in a
12 project included in a report under subsection (f)
13 is not corrected within a period of time agreed
14 to by the Administrator and the State of Alas-
15 ka, the Administrator shall not permit addi-
16 tional expenditures for that project.

17 “(B) TIME AGREEMENT.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
19 180 days after the date of submission to
20 the Administrator of a report under sub-
21 section (f), the Administrator and the
22 State of Alaska shall reach an agreement
23 on a period of time referred to in subpara-
24 graph (A).

1 “(ii) FAILURE TO REACH AGREE-
2 MENT.—If the State of Alaska and the Ad-
3 ministrator fail to reach an agreement on
4 the period of time to correct a deficiency in
5 a project included in a report under sub-
6 section (f) by the deadline specified in
7 clause (i), the Administrator shall not per-
8 mit additional expenditures for that
9 project.”; and
10 (3) in subsection (h) (as redesignated by para-
11 graph (1))—
12 (A) by striking “\$40,000,000” and insert-
13 ing “\$45,000,000”; and
14 (B) by striking “2005” and inserting
15 “2009”.

Passed the Senate September 30 (legislative day,
September 29), 2006.

Attest:

EMILY J. REYNOLDS,

Secretary.