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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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. GRANTS TO ALASKA TO IMPROVE SANITATION**

4 **IN RURAL AND NATIVE VILLAGES.**

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

7 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
8 section (h);

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

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

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

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

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

15 “(f) REPORTING.—Not later than December 31 of
16 the calendar year following the fiscal year in which this
17 subsection is enacted, and annually thereafter, the State
18 of Alaska shall submit to the Administrator of the Envi-
19 ronmental Protection Agency a report describing the infor-
20 mation obtained under subsection (e) during the fiscal
21 year ending the preceding September 30, including—

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

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

24 “(3) whether the goals were met.

25 “(g) REVIEW.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
2 Environmental Protection Agency shall require the
3 State of Alaska to correct any deficiencies identified
4 in a report under subsection (f).

5 “(2) FAILURE TO CORRECT OR REACH AGREE-
6 MENT.—

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

13 “(B) TIME AGREEMENT.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than
15 180 days after the date of submission to
16 the Administrator of a report under sub-
17 section (f), the Administrator and the
18 State of Alaska shall reach an agreement
19 on a period of time referred to in subpara-
20 graph (A).

21 “(ii) FAILURE TO REACH AGREE-
22 MENT.—If the State of Alaska and the Ad-
23 ministrator fail to reach an agreement on
24 the period of time to correct a deficiency in
25 a project included in a report under sub-

1 section (f) by the deadline specified in
2 clause (i), the Administrator shall not per-
3 mit additional expenditures for that
4 project.”; and

5 (3) in subsection (h) (as redesignated by para-
6 graph (1))—

7 (A) by striking “\$40,000,000” and insert-
8 ing “\$42,000,000”; and

9 (B) by striking “2005” and inserting
10 “2010”.

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