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# H. R. 1460

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study with respect to stormwater runoff from oil and gas operations, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2015

Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. BASS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAPUANO, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. CHU of California, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. ELLISON, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. LEE, Mr. LEWIS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. MENG, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. POLIS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SIRES, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. CAPPS, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. YARMUTH, and Mrs. DAVIS of California) 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 “Focused Reduction of  
5 Effluence and Stormwater runoff through Hydrofracking  
6 Environmental Regulation Act of 2015” or the “FRESH-  
7 ER Act of 2015”.

8 **SEC. 2. STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM OIL, GAS, AND MIN-**  
9 **ING OPERATIONS.**

10        (a) LIMITATION ON PERMIT REQUIREMENT.—Sec-  
11 tion 402(l) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33  
12 U.S.C. 1342) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and  
13 redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

14        (b) DEFINITIONS.—Section 502 of the Federal Water  
15 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362) is amended—

16            (1) by striking paragraph (24); and

17            (2) by redesignating paragraphs (25) and (26)  
18 as paragraphs (24) and (25), respectively.

19        (c) STUDY.—

20            (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Inte-  
21 rior shall conduct a study of stormwater impacts  
22 with respect to any area that the Secretary deter-  
23 mines may be contaminated by stormwater runoff  
24 associated with oil or gas operations, which shall in-  
25 clude—

1           (A) an analysis of measurable contamina-  
2           tion in such area;

3           (B) an analysis of ground water resources  
4           in such area; and

5           (C) an analysis of the susceptibility of  
6           aquifers in such area to contamination from  
7           stormwater runoff associated with such oper-  
8           ations.

9           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
10          date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
11          submit to Congress a report on the results of studies  
12          conducted under paragraph (1).

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