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# H. R. 349

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2015

Mr. LATTA (for himself, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mrs. MILLER of Michigan, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. WALBERG, and Ms. FUDGE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Great Lakes and Fresh  
3 Water Algal Bloom Information Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. GREAT LAKES ALGAL BLOOMS INFORMATION DATA-**  
5 **BASE.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the Na-  
7 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shall cre-  
8 ate an electronic database of research and information on  
9 the causes and corrective actions being taken with regard  
10 to algal blooms in the Great Lakes, their tributaries, and  
11 other surface fresh waters.

12 (b) **CONTENTS.**—The Administrator shall include in  
13 the database relevant chemical, physical, and biological  
14 data that have been collected by an accredited university,  
15 association or organization, research group, Federal agen-  
16 cy, State, or local government in the United States or  
17 Canada.

18 (c) **CONFIDENTIALITY.**—In creating and making in-  
19 formation available through the database, the Adminis-  
20 trator shall protect confidentiality of information in ac-  
21 cordance with all applicable United States laws and regu-  
22 lations.

23 (d) **ANNUAL REPORT AND AVAILABILITY OF INFOR-**  
24 **MATION.**—The Administrator shall—

25 (1) report to the Congress each year com-  
26 prehensive findings on information that was included

1 in the database in the year covered by the report, in-  
2 cluding information regarding corrective actions  
3 being taken; and

4 (2) make information in the database electroni-  
5 cally available to the public.

6 (e) NO NEW AUTHORITY.—This section shall not be  
7 construed to grant any authority to the Administrator, in-  
8 cluding any authority to require submission of data.

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