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# H. R. 977

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Mr. MAST 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 “Toxic Health Threat  
5 Warning Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELEASES OF WATER CONTAMINATED WITH CY-**  
2 **ANOBACTERIA.**

3 (a) DETERMINATION.—Before releasing water from  
4 a flood risk management project, the Secretary shall deter-  
5 mine whether the water is contaminated with cyanobacte-  
6 ria, based on tests conducted by the Secretary, another  
7 Federal agency, or the State in which the flood risk man-  
8 agement project is located.

9 (b) NOTIFICATION.—If the Secretary determines  
10 under subsection (a) that water to be released from a flood  
11 risk management project is contaminated with cyanobacte-  
12 ria, the Secretary shall notify the public and affected gov-  
13 ernments of the contamination and planned release, and  
14 any potential effects on human health, before releasing the  
15 water.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) AFFECTED GOVERNMENT.—The term “af-  
18 fected government” means a State, local, or Tribal  
19 government with jurisdiction over an area that will  
20 be affected by a release of water from a flood risk  
21 management project.

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
23 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief  
24 of Engineers.

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