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H. R. 7021

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the procedure for the development of water quality criteria, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 17, 2024

Mr. OWENS (for himself and Mr. ROUZER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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 “Water Quality Criteria
5 Development and Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES.**

7 Section 304(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
8 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1314(a)) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following:

1 “(10) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE.—After
2 the date of enactment of this paragraph, the Admin-
3 istrator shall issue any new or revised water quality
4 criteria under paragraph (1) or (9) by rule.”.

5 **SEC. 3. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND JUDICIAL RE-**
6 **VIEW.**

7 Section 509(b)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution
8 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1369(b)(1)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “section 402, and” and inserting
10 “section 402,”; and

11 (2) by inserting “and (H) in issuing any cri-
12 teria for water quality pursuant to section
13 304(a)(10),” after “strategy under section 304(l),”.

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