

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3888

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 10, 2025

Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Water Quality Criteria
5 Development and Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WATER QUALITY CRITERIA DEVELOPMENT AND**
7 **TRANSPARENCY.**

8 (a) INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES.—Section
9 304(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33

1 U.S.C. 1314(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing:

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

7 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE AND JUDICIAL
8 REVIEW.—Section 509(b)(1) of the Federal Water Pollu-
9 tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1369(b)(1)) is amended—

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

12 (2) by inserting “and (H) in issuing any cri-
13 teria for water quality pursuant to section
14 304(a)(10),” after “strategy under section 304(l),”.

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