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# H. R. 1206

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct at least 3 demonstration projects involving promising technologies and practices to remedy contaminated sediments in the Great Lakes System and to authorize the Administrator to provide technical information and assistance on technologies and practices for remediation of contaminated sediments, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 1995

Mr. LATOURETTE (for himself, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. OBERSTAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science, 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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## 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 “Assessment and Reme-  
5 diation of Contaminated Sediments Reauthorization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION OF CONTAMI-**  
7 **NATED SEDIMENTS.**

8       Section 118(c)(7) of the Federal Water Pollution  
9 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(7)) is amended by adding  
10 at the end the following:

11               “(D) DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—

12               “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Adminis-  
13 trator, acting through the Program Office,  
14 in consultation and cooperation with the  
15 Assistant Secretary of the Army having re-  
16 sponsibility for civil works, shall conduct at  
17 least 3 demonstration projects involving  
18 promising technologies and practices to  
19 remedy contaminated sediments (including  
20 at least 1 full-scale demonstration of a re-  
21 mediation technology) at sites in the Great  
22 Lakes System, as the Administrator deter-  
23 mines appropriate.

24               “(ii) SELECTION OF SITES.—In select-  
25 ing sites for the demonstration projects,

1 the Administrator shall give priority con-  
2 sideration to—

3 “(I) the Ashtabula River in Ohio;

4 “(II) the Buffalo River in New  
5 York;

6 “(III) Duluth and Superior Har-  
7 bor in Minnesota;

8 “(IV) the Fox River in Wiscon-  
9 sin;

10 “(V) the Grand Calumet River in  
11 Indiana; and

12 “(VI) Saginaw Bay in Michigan.

13 “(iii) DEADLINES.—In carrying out  
14 this subparagraph, the Administrator  
15 shall—

16 “(I) not later than 18 months  
17 after the date of the enactment of this  
18 subparagraph, identify at least 3 sites  
19 and the technologies and practices to  
20 be demonstrated at the sites (includ-  
21 ing at least 1 full-scale demonstration  
22 of a remediation technology); and

23 “(II) not later than 5 years after  
24 such date of enactment, complete at  
25 least 3 demonstration projects (includ-

1           ing at least 1 full-scale demonstration  
2           of a remediation technology).

3           “(iv) ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.—The  
4           Administrator, acting through the Pro-  
5           gram Office, in consultation and coopera-  
6           tion with the Assistant Secretary of the  
7           Army having responsibility for civil works,  
8           may conduct additional pilot- and full-scale  
9           demonstration projects involving promising  
10          technologies and practices at sites in the  
11          Great Lakes System other than the sites  
12          selected under clause (i).

13          “(v) EXECUTION OF PROJECTS.—The  
14          Administrator may cooperate with the As-  
15          sistant Secretary of the Army having re-  
16         >sponsibility for civil works to plan, engi-  
17          neer, design, and execute demonstration  
18          projects under this subparagraph.

19          “(vi) NON-FEDERAL CONTRIBU-  
20          TIONS.—The Administrator may accept  
21          non-Federal contributions to carry out  
22          demonstration projects under this subpara-  
23          graph.

24          “(vii) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
25          TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-

1           priated to carry out this subparagraph  
2           \$3,500,000 for each of fiscal years 1997  
3           through 2001.

4           “(E) TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND AS-  
5           SISTANCE.—

6           “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Adminis-  
7           trator, acting through the Program Office,  
8           may provide technical information and as-  
9           sistance involving technologies and prac-  
10          tices for remediation of contaminated sedi-  
11          ments to persons that request the informa-  
12          tion or assistance.

13          “(ii) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRIOR-  
14          ITIES.—In providing technical assistance  
15          under this subparagraph, the Adminis-  
16          trator, acting through the Program Office,  
17          shall give special priority to requests for  
18          integrated assessments of, and rec-  
19          ommendations regarding, remediation tech-  
20          nologies and practices for contaminated  
21          sediments at Great Lakes areas of concern.

22          “(iii) COORDINATION WITH OTHER  
23          DEMONSTRATIONS.—The Administrator  
24          shall—

1           “(I) coordinate technology dem-  
2           onstrations conducted under this sub-  
3           paragraph with other federally as-  
4           sisted demonstrations of contaminated  
5           sediment remediation technologies;  
6           and

7           “(II) share information from the  
8           demonstrations conducted under this  
9           subparagraph with the other dem-  
10          onstrations.

11          “(iv) OTHER SEDIMENT REMEDIATION  
12          ACTIVITIES.—Nothing in this subpara-  
13          graph limits the authority of the Adminis-  
14          trator to carry out sediment remediation  
15          activities under other laws.

16          “(v) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
17          TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-  
18          priated to carry out this subparagraph  
19          \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1997  
20          through 2001.”.

21   **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF GREAT LAKES**  
22                           **APPROPRIATIONS.**

23           Section 118(h) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-  
24   trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(h)) is amended by striking “for  
25   fiscal year 1991. Of the” and all that follows through the

- 1 period at the end and inserting “for each of fiscal years
- 2 1991 through 2001.”.

