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To establish a national clearinghouse for information on incidents of environmental terrorism and to establish a program to reduce environmental terrorism.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish a national clearinghouse for information on incidents of environmental terrorism and to establish a program to reduce environmental terrorism.

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 “Environmental Ter-
5 rorism Reduction Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM CLEAR-**
2 **INGHOUSE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Attorney General shall estab-
4 lish and maintain a national clearinghouse for information
5 on incidents of crime and terrorism—

6 (1) committed against or directed at any com-
7 mercial activity because of the perceived impact or
8 effect of such commercial activity on the environ-
9 ment; or

10 (2) committed against or directed at any person
11 because of such person's perceived connection with
12 or support of any activity described in paragraph
13 (1).

14 (b) CLEARINGHOUSE.—The clearinghouse established
15 under subsection (a) shall—

16 (1) accept, collect, and maintain information on
17 incidents described in subsection (a) that is sub-
18 mitted to the clearinghouse by Federal, State, and
19 local law enforcement agencies, by law enforcement
20 agencies of foreign countries, and by victims of such
21 incidents;

22 (2) collate and index such information for pur-
23 poses of cross-referencing; and

24 (3) upon request from a Federal, State, or local
25 law enforcement agency, or from a law enforcement
26 agency of a foreign country, provide such informa-

1 tion to assist in the investigation of an incident de-
2 scribed in subsection (a).

3 **SEC. 3. ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM REDUCTION PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
6 Department of Justice a program to be known as the En-
7 vironmental Terrorism Reduction Program.

8 (b) DESIGNATION.—The Attorney General, upon con-
9 sultation with the heads of Federal, State, and local law
10 enforcement agencies and the Governor of each applicable
11 State, may designate any specified area of the United
12 States as a high intensity environmental terrorism area.
13 After making such a designation and in order to provide
14 Federal assistance to the area so designated, the Attorney
15 General may—

16 (1) obligate such sums as appropriated for the
17 Environmental Terrorism Reduction Program;

18 (2) direct the temporary reassignment of Fed-
19 eral personnel to such area, subject to the approval
20 of the head of the department or agency that em-
21 ploys such personnel; and

22 (3) coordinate activities under this subsection
23 (specifically administrative, recordkeeping, and funds
24 management activities) with State and local officials.

1 (c) FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION.—In considering
2 whether to designate an area under this section as a high
3 intensity environmental terrorism area, the Attorney Gen-
4 eral shall consider, in addition to such other criteria as
5 the Attorney General considers to be appropriate, the ex-
6 tent to which—

7 (1) the area is a center of crimes committed in
8 the name of the environment;

9 (2) State and local law enforcement agencies
10 have committed resources to respond to the environ-
11 mental terrorism problem in the area, thereby indi-
12 cating a determination to respond aggressively to the
13 problem;

14 (3) environmental terrorism activities in the
15 area are having a harmful impact in other areas of
16 the country; and

17 (4) a significant increase in allocation of Fed-
18 eral resources is necessary to respond adequately to
19 environmental terrorism activities in the area.

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