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H. R. 1564

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide additional protection to estuaries of national significance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of New York (for himself, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, and Mr. COURTNEY) 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 “National Estuary Pro-
5 tection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTUARY OF NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE.**

7 Section 101(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
8 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1251(a)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (6) and (7) as
2 paragraphs (7) and (8) respectively; and

3 (2) inserting the following after paragraph (5):

4 “(6) it is the national policy that given the envi-
5 ronmental risk that a floating storage regasification
6 unit poses to an estuary, the construction or use of
7 such a unit in an estuary of national significance be
8 prohibited.”.

9 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM.**

10 Section 320(g) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
11 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1330(g)) is amended by adding at the
12 end the following:

13 “(4) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a
14 grant under this subsection, an applicant for a grant
15 shall certify to the Administrator that the applicant
16 will not construct or use a floating storage regasifi-
17 cation unit on an estuary of national significance.
18 Such certification shall remain in effect subject to
19 paragraph (5).

20 “(5) AGENCY OR COURT ORDER.—A grant re-
21 cipient under this subsection may construct or use
22 a floating storage regasification unit on an estuary
23 of national significance only if the recipient is or-

- 1 dered to do so by a Federal agency or court that has
- 2 authority to issue such orders.”.

