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# H. R. 3465

To promote greater cooperation with local governments in connection with environmental analyses of certain water projects.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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## A BILL

To promote greater cooperation with local governments in connection with environmental analyses of certain water projects.

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, FINDINGS, AND PURPOSE.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Greater Cooperation with Local Governments in Water  
6       Project Analysis Act”.

7       (b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

8               (1) The diversion of water from one river basin  
9       to another can have major effects on the environ-  
10       ment and economy of affected areas.

11 (c) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to require  
12 that a qualified local government be treated as a cooper-  
13 ating agency with regard to an analysis under the Na-  
14 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
15 et seq.) of any water project that involves diversion of  
16 water from the basin of one river to the basin of any other  
17 river.

## 18 SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT AND DEFINITIONS.

19 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Upon request of a qualified  
20 local government with regard to an analysis under the Na-  
21 tional Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321  
22 et seq.) of any project within the scope of this Act, the  
23 Secretary concerned shall treat such government for pur-  
24 poses of such analysis as if such government is a Federal  
25 agency afforded the status of a cooperating agency under

1 part 1501 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, as in  
2 effect on August 1, 2007.

3 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act, the following definitions  
4 apply:

5 (1) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term the  
6 “Secretary concerned” means the Secretary of the  
7 Interior with respect to activities of the Bureau of  
8 Reclamation and the Secretary of the Army with respect  
9 to activities of the Corps of Engineers.

10 (2) QUALIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT.—The  
11 term “qualified local government”, as used with respect  
12 to a project within the scope of this Act,  
13 means a county or other political subdivision of a  
14 State which has jurisdiction over any area that includes  
15 any portion of the project.

16 (3) PROJECT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS  
17 ACT.—The term “project within the scope of this  
18 Act” means a water project undertaken by the Bureau  
19 of Reclamation or the Corps of Engineers that  
20 would result in initial or increased diversion of water  
21 from the basin of one river to the basin of any other  
22 river.

