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To establish a Water Protection and Reinvestment Fund to support investments in clean water and drinking water infrastructure, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Blumenauer (for himself, Mr. LaTourette, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Dicks, and Mr. Petri) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Science and Technology, 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

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.
- 4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
- 5 "Water Protection and Reinvestment Act of 2009".
- 6 (b) Table of Contents.—

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—REVENUE

- Sec. 101. Establishment and funding of Water Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund.
- Sec. 102. Allocation of funds.

TITLE II—STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUNDS

- Sec. 201. Amendment of Federal Water Pollution Control Act.
- Sec. 202. Technical assistance.
- Sec. 203. General authority for capitalization grants.
- Sec. 204. Capitalization grant agreements.
- Sec. 205. Water pollution control revolving loan funds.
- Sec. 206. High priority project grants and principal forgiveness.

TITLE III—SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT FUNDING

- Sec. 301. Use of State revolving loan funds.
- Sec. 302. Priority system requirements.
- Sec. 303. Affordability.
- Sec. 304. Needs survey.
- Sec. 305. Negotiation of contracts.
- Sec. 306. Drinking water technical assistance for communities.

TITLE IV—ADDITIONAL GRANT PROGRAMS

- Sec. 401. Definitions.
- Sec. 402. Treatment works and community water system security grants.
- Sec. 403. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Grants.
- Sec. 404. Workforce Development Grants.
- Sec. 405. Sewer overflow control grants.
- Sec. 406. Research, Development, and Technology Demonstration Program.
- Sec. 407. Regional water research centers.
- Sec. 408. Cost of service study.
- Sec. 409. Drug take-back grants.
- Sec. 410. State revolving fund review process.

1 TITLE I—REVENUE

- 2 SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNDING OF WATER PRO-
- 3 TECTION AND REINVESTMENT TRUST FUND.
- 4 (a) Water Protection and Reinvestment
- 5 Trust Fund.—
- 6 (1) In General.—Subchapter A of chapter 98
- 7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to
- 8 establishment of trust funds) is amended by adding
- 9 at the end the following new section:

1	"SEC. 9511. WATER PROTECTION AND REINVESTMENT
2	TRUST FUND.
3	"(a) Creation of Trust Fund.—There is estab-
4	lished in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund
5	to be known as the 'Water Protection and Reinvestment
6	Trust Fund', consisting of such amounts as may be appro-
7	priated or credited to such fund as provided in this section
8	or section 9602(b).
9	"(b) Transfers to Trust Fund.—There are here-
10	by appropriated to the Water Protection and Reinvest-
11	ment Trust Fund amounts equivalent to the taxes received
12	in the Treasury before January 1, 2016, under the fol-
13	lowing provisions—
14	"(1) section 59B (relating to clean water res-
15	toration tax), and
16	"(2) section 4171 (relating to taxes relating to
17	water).
18	"(c) Expenditures.—Amounts in the Water Pro-
19	tection and Reinvestment Trust Fund shall be available,
20	as provided in appropriation Acts, only for purposes of in-
21	vestments in clean water and drinking water infrastruc-
22	ture in accordance with the Water Protection and Rein-
23	vestment Act of 2009.".
24	(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
25	tions for subchapter A of chapter 98 of such Code

- 1 is amended by adding at the end the following new
- 2 item:

"Sec. 9511. Water Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund.".

- 3 (b) Excise Taxes Funding Water Protection
- 4 AND REINVESTMENT TRUST FUND.—
- 5 (1) In General.—Chapter 32 of such Code is
- 6 amended by inserting after subchapter D the fol-
- 7 lowing new subchapter:

8 "Subchapter E—Taxes Relating to Water

"Sec. 4171. Imposition of tax.

"Sec. 4172. Definitions and special rule.

9 "SEC. 4171. IMPOSITION OF TAX.

- 10 "(a) Water-based Beverage.—There is hereby
- 11 imposed on the sale of any container of water-based bev-
- 12 erage by the manufacturer, producer, or importer thereof
- 13 a tax equal to 4 cents per container of such beverage
- 14 which is 5 gallons or less. For purposes of the preceding
- 15 sentence, the manufacturer or producer is the entity that
- 16 puts the beverage into the container subject to the tax
- 17 under such sentence.
- 18 "(b) Water Disposal Product.—There is hereby
- 19 imposed on the sale of any water disposal product by the
- 20 manufacturer, producer, or importer thereof a tax equal
- 21 to 3 percent of the price for which so sold.
- 22 "(c) Pharmaceutical Tax.—There is hereby im-
- 23 posed on the sale of any pharmaceutical product by the

1	manufacturer, producer, or importer thereof a tax equal
2	to 0.5 percent of the price for which so sold.
3	"(d) TERMINATION.—The taxes imposed by this sec-
4	tion shall not apply to any production, manufacture, or
5	importation after December 31, 2015.
6	"SEC. 4172. DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULE.
7	"(a) Water-based Beverage.—For purposes of
8	this subchapter—
9	"(1) Water-based beverage.—The term
10	'water-based beverage' means any beverage which
11	is—
12	"(A) water, or
13	"(B) created by mixing water with other
14	liquids, flavorings, vitamins, or other ingredi-
15	ents where the resulting product is at least 50
16	percent water by weight.
17	"(2) Exceptions.—The term 'water-based bev-
18	erage' does not include—
19	"(A) any pharmaceutical product,
20	"(B) any alcoholic beverage, and
21	"(C) any product where—
22	"(i) at least 75 percent of the water
23	that naturally existed in the product is re-
24	moved,

1	"(ii) the resulting concentrated prod-
2	uct is shipped and then the water replaced,
3	and
4	"(iii) the beverage is then packaged
5	for sale.
6	"(3) Container.—The term 'container' means
7	any can, glass bottle, plastic bottle, aseptic con-
8	tainer, or other sealed package for transportation
9	and sale.
10	"(b) Water Disposal Product.—For purposes of
11	this subchapter—
12	"(1) In general.—The term 'water disposal
13	product' means any of the following: soaps and de-
14	tergents, toiletries, toilet tissue, water softeners, and
15	cooking oils.
16	"(2) Soaps and detergents.—The term
17	'soaps and detergents' means—
18	"(A) soaps and other detergents, such as
19	laundry detergents and dishwashing detergents,
20	"(B) toothpaste gels, and
21	"(C) tooth powders,
22	as determined under regulations prescribed by the
23	Secretary.
24	"(3) Toiletries.—The term 'toiletries' means
25	toilet preparations such as perfumes, shaving prep-

1	arations, hair preparations, face creams, lotions (in-
2	cluding sunscreens), and other cosmetic prepara-
3	tions, as determined under regulations prescribed by
4	the Secretary.
5	"(4) Toilet tissue.—The term 'toilet tissue'
6	means toilet tissue, as determined under regulations
7	prescribed by the Secretary.
8	"(5) Water softeners.—The term 'water
9	softeners' means farm, household, commercial, and
10	industrial water softeners, as determined under reg-
11	ulations prescribed by the Secretary.
12	"(6) Cooking oils.—
13	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The term 'cooking
14	oils' means corn oils, soy oils, and other vege-
15	table oils, as determined under regulations pre-
16	scribed by the Secretary.
17	"(B) Exception.—The term 'cooking oils'
18	does not mean a product that the Secretary de-
19	termines, by regulation, is not typically disposed
20	of, by consumers, directly in wastewater.
21	"(c) Pharmaceutical Product.—The term 'phar-
22	maceutical product' means—
23	"(1) a drug (as defined in section 201 of the
24	Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C.
25	321)), and

- 1 "(2) a biological product (as defined in section 2 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 3 261)). 4 "(d) Use Treated as Sale.—For purposes of this 5 subchapter, if any person manufactures, produces, or imports any item on which tax is imposed under this sub-6 chapter, and uses such item, then such person shall be 8 liable for tax under this subchapter in the same manner 9 as if such item were sold by such person.". (2) Conforming amendment.—The table of 10 11 subchapters for chapter 32 of such Code is amended 12 by inserting after the item relating to subchapter D 13 the following new item: "SUBCHAPTER E. TAXES RELATING TO WATER". 14 (c) Corporate Income Tax Funding Water Pro-TECTION AND REINVESTMENT TRUST FUND.— 16 (1) In General.—Subchapter A of chapter 1 17 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by 18 inserting at the end the following new part: 19 "PART VIII—CLEAN WATER RESTORATION TAX 20 "SEC. 59B. CLEAN WATER RESTORATION TAX. 21 "(a) Imposition of Tax.—In the case of a corpora-
- 22 tion, there is hereby imposed (in addition to any other tax 23 imposed by this subtitle) a tax equal to 0.15 percent of 24 the excess of—

1	"(1) the modified alternative minimum taxable
2	income of such corporation for the taxable year, over
3	"(2) \$4,000,000.
4	"(b) Modified Alternative Minimum Taxable
5	INCOME.—For purposes of this section, the term 'modified
6	alternative minimum taxable income' has the meaning
7	given such term by section 59A(b).
8	"(c) Applicable Rules.—For purposes of this sec-
9	tion, rules similar to the rules of subsections (c) and (d)
10	of section 59A shall apply.
11	"(d) Application of Tax.—Subsection (a) shall not
12	apply to a taxable year beginning after December 31,
	2015 !!
13	2015.".
13 14	2015.". (2) Conforming amendments.—
14	(2) Conforming amendments.—
14 15	(2) Conforming amendments.— (A) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is
14 15 16	(2) Conforming amendments.— (A) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of sub-
14151617	(2) Conforming amendments.— (A) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (W), by striking the period at the
14 15 16 17 18	(2) Conforming amendments.— (A) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (W), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (X) and inserting ", and",
14 15 16 17 18 19	(2) Conforming amendments.— (A) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (W), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (X) and inserting ", and", and by inserting after subparagraph (Y) the fol-
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	(2) Conforming amendments.— (A) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (W), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (X) and inserting ", and", and by inserting after subparagraph (Y) the following new subparagraph:
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	(2) Conforming amendments.— (A) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (W), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (X) and inserting ", and", and by inserting after subparagraph (Y) the following new subparagraph: "(Y) section 59B (relating to clean water)
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	(2) Conforming amendments.— (A) Section 26(b)(2) of such Code is amended by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (W), by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (X) and inserting ", and", and by inserting after subparagraph (Y) the following new subparagraph: "(Y) section 59B (relating to clean water restoration tax)."

1	"(6) The clean water restoration tax imposed
2	by section 59B.".
3	(C) Section 275(a)(6) of such Code is
4	amended by inserting "or 59B" after "section
5	59A''.
6	(D) Section 882(a)(1) of such Code is
7	amended by inserting "59B," after "59A,".
8	(E) Section 1561(a) of such Code is
9	amended by striking "and" at the end of para-
10	graph (3), by striking the period at the end of
11	paragraph (4) and inserting ", and", and by in-
12	serting after paragraph (4) the following new
13	subparagraph:
14	" (5) one \$4,000,000 amount for purposes of
15	computing the tax imposed by section 59B.".
16	(F) Section 6425(g)(1)(A) of such Code is
17	amended by striking "plus" at the end of clause
18	(iii), by striking "over" at the end of clause (iv)
19	and inserting "plus", and by inserting after
20	clause (iv) the following new clause:
21	"(iv) the tax imposed by section 59B,
22	over".
23	(G) Section $6655(c)(1)(A)$ of such Code is
24	amended by striking "plus" at the end of clause
25	(ii), by striking "over" at the end of clause (iii)

1	and inserting "plus", and by inserting after
2	clause (iii) the following new clause:
3	"(iv) the tax imposed by section 59B,
4	over''.
5	(d) Effective Dates.—
6	(1) In general.—Except as provided in para-
7	graph (2), the amendments made by this section
8	shall apply to taxable years beginning after the date
9	of the enactment of this Act.
10	(2) Excise Tax.—The amendments made by
11	subsection (b) shall apply to sales on or after the
12	first calendar quarter beginning after 1 year after
13	the date of the enactment of this Act.
14	SEC. 102. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.
15	(a) In General.—The Administrator of the Envi-
16	ronmental Protection Agency shall allocate the amount of
17	funds appropriated out of the Water Protection and Rein-
18	vestment Fund established by section 9511 of the Internal
19	Revenue Code of 1986 for a fiscal year among programs
20	and activities as follows:
21	(1) CLEAN WATER PROGRAMS.—Of such
22	amount, the Administrator shall make available—
23	(A) 48 percent for making capitalization
24	grants under section 601 of the Federal Water
25	Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1381; relating

1	to capitalization grants for State water pollu-
2	tion control revolving funds);
3	(B) 1.5 percent for making grants under
4	section 106 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1256; relat-
5	ing to grants for pollution control programs);
6	(C) 2.5 percent for making grants under
7	section 319 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1329; relat-
8	ing to nonpoint source management programs);
9	and
10	(D) 0.5 percent for making grants under
11	section 104(b)(8) of such Act (as added by sec-
12	tion 202 of this Act; relating to technical assist-
13	ance to rural and small municipalities and trib-
14	al governments).
15	(2) Safe drinking water funding.—Of such
16	amount, the Administrator shall make available—
17	(A) 35 percent for making capitalization
18	grants under section 1452 of the Safe Drinking
19	Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-12; relating to cap-
20	italization grants for State drinking water
21	treatment revolving loan funds); and
22	(B) 0.5 percent for providing technical as-
23	sistance under section 1442(e) of the Safe
24	Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300i–1(e): re-

1	lating to technical assistance for small public
2	water systems).
3	(3) Additional grant programs.—Of such
4	total amount, the Administrator shall make avail-
5	able—
6	(A) 0.5 percent for making grants under
7	section 402 (relating to treatment works and
8	community systems security);
9	(B) 1 percent for making grants under
10	section 403 (relating to climate change and ad-
11	aptation grants);
12	(C) 0.05 percent for making grants under
13	section 109 of the Federal Water Pollution
14	Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1259) in accordance
15	with section 404(a) (relating to training grants
16	and contracts);
17	(D) 0.05 percent for awarding scholarships
18	under section 111 of the Federal Water Pollu-
19	tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1261) in accord-
20	ance with section 404(c) (relating to scholar-
21	ships for the studies on the operation and main-
22	tenance of treatment works);
23	(E) 0.1 percent for establishing training
24	programs and making grants under section
25	1442(c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42

1 U.S.C. 300j-1(c)) in accordance with section 2 404(d) (relating to training for personnel who 3 manage or operate public water systems); 4 (F) 5 percent for making grants under sec-5 tion 221 of the Federal Water Pollution Control 6 Act (33 U.S.C. 1301; relating to sewer overflow 7 control grants); (G) 5 percent for carrying out sections 8 9 406, 407, and 408 (relating to the national 10 water infrastructure research, development, and 11 demonstration program, regional water research 12 centers, and a cost of service study); and 13 (H) 0.3 percent for making grants under 14 section 410(a) (relating to drug take back 15 grants). 16 (b) Treatment of Funds.—The funds made avail-17 able for a program or activity under this section, shall be 18 in addition to any funds made available for the program

or activity under any other provision of law.

1	TITLE II—STATE WATER POLLU-
2	TION CONTROL REVOLVING
3	FUNDS
4	SEC. 201. AMENDMENT OF FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION
5	CONTROL ACT.
6	Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in
7	this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
8	of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
9	sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
10	section or other provision of the Federal Water Pollution
11	Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).
12	SEC. 202. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
13	Section 104(b) (33 U.S.C. 1254(b)) is amended—
14	(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph
15	(6);
16	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-
17	graph (7) and inserting "; and"; and
18	(3) by adding at the end the following:
19	"(8) make grants to nonprofit organizations—
20	"(A) to provide technical assistance to
21	rural and small municipalities and tribal gov-
22	ernments for the purpose of assisting, in con-
23	sultation with the State in which the assistance
24	is provided, such municipalities and tribal gov-
25	ernments in the planning, developing, and ac-

quisition of financing for eligible projects described in section 603(e);

> "(B) to provide technical assistance and training for rural, small, and tribal publicly owned treatment works and decentralized wastewater treatment systems to enable such treatment works and systems to protect water quality and achieve and maintain compliance with the requirements of this Act; and

> "(C) to disseminate information to rural, small, and tribal municipalities and municipalities that meet the affordability criteria established under section 603(i)(2) by the State in which the municipality is located with respect to planning, design, construction, and operation of publicly owned treatment works and decentralized wastewater treatment systems.".

18 SEC. 203. GENERAL AUTHORITY FOR CAPITALIZATION 19 GRANTS.

Section 601(a) (33 U.S.C. 1381(a)) is amended by striking "for providing assistance" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting the following: "to accomplish the objectives, goals, and policies of this Act by providing assistance for projects and activities identified in section 603(c).".

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1 SEC. 204. CAPITALIZATION GRANT AGREEMENTS.

2	(a) Specific Requirements.—Section 602(b) (33
3	U.S.C. 1382(b)) is amended—
4	(1) by striking "and" at the end of paragraph
5	(9);
6	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-
7	graph (10) and inserting a semicolon; and
8	(3) by adding at the end the following:
9	"(11) the State will require that each contract
10	and subcontract for program management, construc-
11	tion management, planning studies, feasibility stud-
12	ies, architectural services, preliminary engineering,
13	design, engineering, surveying, mapping, and related
14	services entered into using amounts from the fund
15	will be awarded in the same way that a contract for
16	architectural and engineering services is awarded
17	under chapter 11 of title 40, United States Code, ex-
18	cept that such an award shall not be construed as
19	conferring a proprietary interest upon the United
20	States;
21	"(12) the State will not provide financial assist-
22	ance using amounts from the fund for any project
23	that will provide substantial direct benefits to new
24	communities, lots, or subdivisions, other than a
25	project to construct an advanced decentralized
26	wastewater system;

- 1 "(13) the requirements of section 513 will apply 2 to the construction of treatment works carried out in 3 whole or in part with assistance made available by 4 a State water pollution control revolving fund as au-5 thorized under this title, or with assistance made 6 available under section 205(m), or both, in the same 7 manner as treatment works for which grants are 8 made under this Act; and 9 "(14) the State will allocate funds for high pri-
- ority projects in accordance with section 607.".

 (b) ADVANCED DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER SYS
 TEM DEFINED.—Section 502 is amended by adding at the

 end the following:
- 14 "(25) ADVANCED DECENTRALIZED WASTE-15 WATER SYSTEM.—The term 'advanced decentralized 16 wastewater system' means a system for treating do-17 mestic sewage that is located at or near a site at 18 which the sewage is generated, provides more effec-19 tive treatment than a conventional septic system, 20 and includes a plan and funding mechanism for 21 long-term maintenance.".

1	SEC. 205. WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN
2	FUNDS.
3	(a) Projects and Activities Eligible for As-
4	SISTANCE.—Section 603(c) (33 U.S.C. 1383(c)) is amend-
5	ed to read as follows:
6	"(c) Projects and Activities Eligible for As-
7	SISTANCE.—The amounts of funds available to each State
8	water pollution control revolving fund shall be used only
9	for providing financial assistance—
10	"(1) to any municipality or intermunicipal,
11	interstate, or State agency for construction of pub-
12	licly owned treatment works to address the needs of
13	existing communities;
14	"(2) for implementation of measures to increase
15	the security of publicly owned treatment works, in-
16	cluding vulnerability assessment updates and safer
17	alternatives for treatment chemicals;
18	"(3) for implementation of a nonpoint manage-
19	ment program established under section 319;
20	"(4) for development and implementation of a
21	conservation and management plan for an estuary
22	under section 320;
23	"(5) for implementation of measures to man-
24	age, reduce, treat, capture, or reuse municipal storm
25	water, agricultural storm water, and return flows
26	from irrigated agriculture;

1	"(6) for repair or replacement of decentralized
2	wastewater treatment systems that treat domestic
3	sewage;
4	"(7) to any municipality or intermunicipal,
5	interstate, or State agency for implementation of
6	measures to reduce the demand for publicly owned
7	treatment works capacity through water conserva-
8	tion, efficiency, or reuse;
9	"(8) for implementation of measures to inte-
10	grate water resource management planning and im-
11	plementation;
12	"(9) to any municipality or intermunicipal,
13	interstate, or State agency for measures to reduce
14	the energy consumption needs for publically owned
15	treatment works, including the implementation of
16	energy efficient or renewable generation tech-
17	nologies;
18	"(10) for projects to correct failing residential
19	septic systems or cesspools; and
20	"(11) for implementation of technologies, man-
21	agement programs, or other measures—
22	"(A) to improve monitoring for and to
23	alert the owner or operator of a publicly owned
24	treatment works of the occurrence of a spill,
25	overflow, or other discharge or release; and

1	"(B) to provide for public notification of a
2	spill, overflow, or other discharge or release of
3	pollution into waters of the United States or
4	from point sources into areas in which there is
5	a potential risk of public exposure.".
6	(b) Extended Repayment Period.—Section
7	603(d)(1) (33 U.S.C. 1383(d)(1)) is amended—
8	(1) in subparagraph (A) by striking "20 years"
9	and inserting "the lesser of 30 years or the design
10	life of the project to be financed with the proceeds
11	of the loan"; and
12	(2) in subparagraph (B) by striking "not later
13	than 20 years after project completion" and insert-
14	ing "upon the expiration of the term of the loan".
15	(c) FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.—Section
16	603(d)(1) (33 U.S.C. 1383(d)(1)) is further amended—
17	(1) by striking "and" at the end of subpara-
18	graph (C);
19	(2) by inserting "and" at the end of subpara-
20	graph (D); and
21	(3) by adding at the end the following:
22	"(E) for any portion of a treatment works
23	proposed for repair, replacement, or expansion,
24	and eligible for assistance under section
25	603(c)(1), the recipient of such assistance will

1	develop and implement a fiscal sustainability
2	plan that includes—
3	"(i) an inventory of critical assets
4	that are a part of that portion of the treat-
5	ment works;
6	"(ii) an evaluation of the condition
7	and performance of inventoried assets or
8	asset groupings;
9	"(iii) a plan for maintaining, repair-
10	ing, and, as necessary, replacing that por-
11	tion of the treatment works and a plan for
12	funding such activities; and
13	"(iv) a certification that the recipient
14	has evaluated and will be implementing
15	water and energy conservation efforts as
16	part of the plan;".
17	(d) Expenses of Administering State Funds.—
18	Section $603(d)(7)$ (33 U.S.C. $1383(d)(7)$) is amended by
19	inserting before the period at the end the following: "or
20	$\$400,\!000$ per year, or $1\!\!/\!5$ percent per year of the current
21	valuation of the fund, whichever amount is greatest, plus
22	the amount of any fees collected by the State for such
23	purpose regardless of the source".

1	(e) Additional Subsidization.—Section 603 (33
2	U.S.C. 1383) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
3	lowing:
4	"(i) Additional Subsidization.—
5	"(1) In general.—In any case in which a
6	State provides assistance to a municipality or inter-
7	municipal, interstate, or State agency under sub-
8	section (d), the State may provide additional sub-
9	sidization, including forgiveness of principal and
10	negative interest loans—
11	"(A) to benefit a municipality that—
12	"(i) meets the State's affordability
13	criteria established under paragraph (2);
14	or
15	"(ii) does not meet the State's afford-
16	ability criteria if the recipient—
17	"(I) seeks additional subsidiza-
18	tion to benefit individual ratepayers in
19	the residential user rate class;
20	"(II) demonstrates to the State
21	that such ratepayers will experience a
22	significant hardship from the increase
23	in rates necessary to finance the
24	project or activity for which assistance
25	is sought; and

"(III) ensures, as part of an as-sistance agreement between the State and the recipient, that the additional subsidization provided under this paragraph is directed through a user charge rate system (or other appro-priate method) to such ratepayers; or

"(B) to implement an innovative or alternative process, material, technique, or technology (including low-impact technologies, non-structural protection of surface waters, a new or improved method of waste treatment, and nutrient pollutant trading) that may result in greater environmental benefits, or equivalent environmental benefits at reduced cost, when compared to a standard process, material, technique, or technology.

"(2) Affordability Criteria.—

"(A) ESTABLISHMENT.—On or before September 30, 2010, and after providing notice and an opportunity for public comment, a State shall establish affordability criteria to assist in identifying municipalities that would experience a significant hardship raising the revenue necessary to finance a project or activity eligible

for assistance under section 603(c)(1) if additional subsidization is not provided. Such criteria shall be based on income data, population trends, and other data determined relevant by the State.

- "(B) EXISTING CRITERIA.—If a State has previously established, after providing notice and an opportunity for public comment, affordability criteria that meet the requirements of subparagraph (A), the State may use the criteria for the purposes of this subsection. For purposes of this Act, any such criteria shall be treated as affordability criteria established under this paragraph.
- "(3) Priority.—A State may give priority to a recipient for a project or activity eligible for funding under section 603(c)(1) if the recipient meets the State's affordability criteria.
- "(4) LIMITATION.—The total amount of additional subsidization provided under this subsection by a State may not exceed 30 percent of the total amount of capitalization grants (less the amounts required to be allocated in accordance with section 607) received by the State under this title in fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2009.".

1	(f) Prioritization.—Section 603(g) (33 U.S.C.
2	1383(g)) is amended to read as follows:
3	"(g) Priority System Requirement.—
4	"(1) Definitions.—In this subsection, the fol-
5	lowing definitions apply:
6	"(A) RESTRUCTURING.—The term 're-
7	structuring' means—
8	"(i) the consolidation of management
9	functions or ownership with another facil-
10	ity; or
11	"(ii) the formation of cooperative
12	partnerships.
13	"(B) Traditional wastewater ap-
14	PROACH.—The term 'traditional wastewater ap-
15	proach' means a managed system used to col-
16	lect and treat wastewater from an entire service
17	area consisting of—
18	"(i) collection sewers;
19	"(ii) a centralized treatment plant
20	using biological, physical, or chemical
21	treatment processes; and
22	"(iii) a direct point source discharge
23	to surface water.
24	"(2) Priority system.—In providing financial
25	assistance from the water pollution control revolving

1	fund of the State, the State shall establish a priority
2	system that—
3	"(A) takes into consideration appropriate
4	chemical, physical, and biological data relating
5	to water quality that the State considers rea-
6	sonably available and of sufficient quality;
7	"(B) ensures that projects undertaken with
8	assistance under this title are designed to
9	achieve, as determined by the State, the opti-
10	mum water quality management, consistent
11	with the public health and water quality goals
12	and requirements of this Act;
13	"(C) provides for public notice and oppor-
14	tunity to comment on the establishment of the
15	priority system and the summary under sub-
16	paragraph (D); and
17	"(D) provides for the publication, not less
18	than biennially in summary form, of a descrip-
19	tion of projects in the State that are eligible for
20	assistance under this title that indicates—
21	"(i) the priority assigned to each
22	project under the priority system of the
23	State; and

1	"(ii) the funding schedule for each
2	project, to the extent the information is
3	available.
4	"(3) Weight given to applications.—After
5	determining project priorities under paragraph (2), a
6	State shall give greater weight to an application for
7	assistance if the application contains such informa-
8	tion as the State determines to be necessary and in-
9	cludes—
10	"(A) approaches other than a traditional
11	wastewater approach that treat or minimize
12	sewage or urban storm water discharges
13	using—
14	"(i) decentralized or distributed storm
15	water controls;
16	"(ii) decentralized wastewater treat-
17	ment;
18	"(iii) low-impact development tech-
19	nologies and nonstructural approaches;
20	"(iv) stream buffers;
21	"(v) wetland restoration and enhance-
22	ment;
23	"(vi) actions to minimize the quantity
24	of and direct connections to impervious
25	surfaces;

1	"(vii) soil and vegetation, or other
2	permeable materials; or
3	"(viii) actions that increase efficient
4	water use, water conservation, or water
5	reuse;
6	"(B) a demonstration of consistency with
7	State, regional, and municipal watershed plans,
8	water conservation and efficiency plans, or inte-
9	grated water resource management plans;
10	"(C) a proposal by the applicant dem-
11	onstrating flexibility through alternative means
12	to carry out responsibilities under Federal regu-
13	lations, which may include watershed permit-
14	ting and other innovative management ap-
15	proaches, while achieving results that the Ad-
16	ministrator determines are measurably superior
17	when compared to regulatory standards; or
18	"(D) a proposal by the applicant providing
19	for the implementation of effective utility man-
20	agement principles, as identified in the 2007
21	Agreement between the Environmental Protec-
22	tion Agency and major water and wastewater
23	associations.".

1	SEC. 206. HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT GRANTS AND PRIN-
2	CIPAL FORGIVENESS.
3	(a) In General.—Title VI (33 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.)
4	is amended—
5	(1) by redesignating section 607 as section 608;
6	and
7	(2) by inserting after section 606 the following:
8	"SEC. 607. HIGH PRIORITY PROJECT GRANTS AND PRIN-
9	CIPAL FORGIVENESS.
10	"(a) In General.—A State shall allocate for pro-
11	viding assistance for high priority projects in accordance
12	with the requirements of this section—
13	"(1) 50 percent of the total amount of capital-
14	ization grants received by the State in a fiscal year
15	under section 601 that is attributable to funds ap-
16	propriated out of the Water Protection and Rein-
17	vestment Trust Fund; and
18	"(2) 50 percent of the State contributions made
19	under section $602(b)(2)$ in connection with that total
20	amount.
21	"(b) Authority To Make Grants and Forgive
22	Principal.—Notwithstanding the requirements of section
23	603(d), assistance provided by a State for high priority
24	projects under subsection (a) shall be in the form of a
25	grant or a loan under which the State forgives repayment
26	of 100 percent of the principal amount of the loan.

1	"(c) Identification of High Priority
2	Projects.—
3	"(1) In general.—A State shall provide as-
4	sistance under this section in a manner that is con-
5	sistent with the priority lists established under sec-
6	tions 216 and 603.
7	"(2) Priority.—In providing assistance under
8	this section, a State shall give greater weight to
9	projects that address the most serious water pollu-
10	tion problems and—
11	"(A) benefit communities with the greatest
12	need (determined on the basis of affordability
13	criteria to be established by the State); or
14	"(B) incorporate nonstructural or decen-
15	tralized treatment practices.
16	"(d) Matching Funds.—The amount of a grant or
17	loan for a project under this section shall be 50 percent
18	of the project cost. The remaining project cost shall be
19	provided by the State from sources other than capitaliza-
20	tion grants under section 601.
21	"(e) Applicability.—Subsection (a) shall apply
22	with respect to each fiscal year beginning after the date
23	of enactment of this section "

1	(b) Eligibility of Indian Tribes.—Section 518(e)
2	(33 U.S.C. 1377(e)) is amended by striking "and 406"
3	and inserting "406, and 607".
4	TITLE III—SAFE DRINKING
5	WATER ACT FUNDING
6	SEC. 301. USE OF STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS.
7	Section 1452(a)(2) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
8	(42 U.S.C. 300j–12(a)(2)) is amended—
9	(1) by redesignating the first through fifth sen-
10	tences as subparagraphs (A) through (E), respec-
11	tively, and by adjusting the margins of such sub-
12	paragraphs so as to align with subparagraph (B) (as
13	amended by paragraph (2) of this section); and
14	(2) by striking subparagraph (B), as so des-
15	ignated, and inserting the following:
16	"(B) Financial assistance under this sec-
17	tion may be used by a public water system only
18	for expenditures (not including monitoring, op-
19	eration, and maintenance expenditures) of a
20	type or category which the Administrator has
21	determined, through guidance, will facilitate
22	compliance with national primary drinking
23	water regulations applicable to the system
24	under section 1412 or otherwise significantly

1	further the health protection objectives of this
2	title, including expenditures—
3	"(i) for planning, design, and associ-
4	ated preconstruction activities;
5	"(ii) to replace or rehabilitate aging
6	treatment, storage (including reservoirs),
7	or distribution facilities of public water
8	systems;
9	"(iii) for capital projects to upgrade
10	or enhance the security of public water
11	systems;
12	"(iv) to consolidate management func-
13	tions with other public water systems;
14	"(v) to increase the energy efficiency
15	or water efficiency (or both) of a public
16	water system; or
17	"(vi) for onsite projects to generate
18	renewable energy for a public water sys-
19	tem.".
20	SEC. 302. PRIORITY SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.
21	Section 1452(b)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
22	(42 U.S.C. 300j–12(b)(3)) is amended—
23	(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking "periodi-
24	cally" and inserting "at least biennially";

1	(2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
2	paragraph (C);
3	(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the fol-
4	lowing:
5	"(B) Infrastructure improvement.—
6	Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), an intended
7	use plan shall provide, to the maximum extent
8	practicable, that priority for the use of at least
9	1/3 of amounts made available from the Water
10	Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund estab-
11	lished by section 9511 of the Internal Revenue
12	Code of 1986 to the State loan fund of the
13	State be given to projects to replace or rehabili-
14	tate aging treatment, storage (including res-
15	ervoirs), or distribution facilities of public water
16	systems that regularly serve more than 100,000
17	persons."; and
18	(4) by adding at the end the following:
19	"(D) Weight given to applications.—
20	In determining project priorities, the State shall
21	give greater weight to an application for assist-
22	ance by a public water system if the application
23	includes—
24	"(i) an inventory of assets, including
25	a description of the condition of the assets;

1	"(ii) a schedule for replacement of as-
2	sets;
3	"(iii) a financing plan that factors in
4	all life-cycle costs indicating sources of rev-
5	enue from ratepayers, grants, bonds, other
6	loans, and other sources to meet the costs;
7	"(iv) in the case of a public water sys-
8	tem that regularly serves fewer than
9	10,000 persons, a review of options for
10	consolidating management functions of the
11	system with management functions of
12	other public water systems;
13	"(v) reliance on methodologies or
14	technologies that are environmentally sen-
15	sitive, non-structural, or both environ-
16	mentally sensitive and non-structural;
17	"(vi) demonstration of consistency
18	with State, regional, and municipal water-
19	shed plans;
20	"(vii) a water conservation plan con-
21	sistent with guidelines published for such
22	plans by the Administrator pursuant to
23	section 1455(a);
24	"(viii) approaches to improve the sus-
25	tainability of the system such as—

1	"(I) water efficiency or conserva-
2	tion;
3	"(II) use of reclaimed water; and
4	"(III) actions to increase energy
5	efficiency; and
6	"(ix) such other information as the
7	State determines necessary.".
8	SEC. 303. AFFORDABILITY.
9	Section 1452(d)(3) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
10	(42 U.S.C. 300j-12(d)(3)) is amended in the first sen-
11	tence by inserting "or portion of a service area" after
12	"service area".
13	SEC. 304. NEEDS SURVEY.
14	Section 1452(h) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
15	U.S.C. 300j-12(h)) is amended—
16	(1) by striking "The Administrator shall con-
17	duct" and inserting the following:
18	"(1) In General.—The Administrator shall
19	conduct''; and
20	(2) by adding at the end following:
21	"(2) Report.—Each report under paragraph
22	(1) shall detail the capital improvement needs of eli-
23	gible public water systems according to the popu-
24	lation served by such water systems and shall in-
25	clude not fewer than 4 size categories of public

- 1 water systems. One such size category shall consist
- 2 of public water systems serving a population of not
- 3 less than 100,000 and the other such size categories
- 4 shall consist of public water systems serving popu-
- 5 lations of less than 100,000.".

6 SEC. 305. NEGOTIATION OF CONTRACTS.

- 7 Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42)
- 8 U.S.C. 300j-12) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
- 9 lowing:
- 10 "(s) Negotiation of Contracts.—A contract to
- 11 be carried out using funds made directly available by a
- 12 capitalization grant under this section for program man-
- 13 agement, construction management, feasibility studies,
- 14 preliminary engineering, design, engineering, surveying,
- 15 mapping, or architectural or related services shall be nego-
- 16 tiated in the same manner as—
- 17 "(1) a contract for architectural and engineer-
- ing services is negotiated under chapter 11 of title
- 19 40, United States Code; or
- 20 "(2) an equivalent State qualifications-based re-
- 21 quirement (as determined by the Governor of the
- 22 State).".

1	SEC. 306. DRINKING WATER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR
2	COMMUNITIES.
3	Section 1442(e) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
4	U.S.C. 300j-1(e)) is amended—
5	(1) in the first sentence, by striking "The Ad-
6	ministrator may provide" and inserting the fol-
7	lowing:
8	"(1) Public water systems.—The Adminis-
9	trator may provide";
10	(2) by striking the term "subsection" each
11	place it appears and inserting "paragraph";
12	(3) by striking the fifth sentence and all that
13	follows and inserting the following:
14	"In providing assistance under this paragraph, the Admin-
15	istrator shall give priority to small public water systems
16	that have, either individually or collectively, the greatest
17	need in the States, and to nonprofit organizations deter-
18	mined by the Administrator to be qualified and most effec-
19	tive at assisting such small public water systems."; and
20	(4) by adding at the end the following new
21	paragraphs:
22	"(2) Wells and well systems.—
23	"(A) In General.—The Administrator
24	shall provide grants to nonprofit organizations
25	to provide technical assistance to communities
26	and individuals regarding the design, operation,

1	construction, and maintenance of household
2	wells and small shared well-systems that pro-
3	vide drinking water.
4	"(B) FORM OF ASSISTANCE.—Technical
5	assistance referred to in subparagraph (A) may
6	include—
7	"(i) training and education;
8	"(ii) operation of a hotline; and
9	"(iii) conducting other activities relat-
10	ing to the design and construction of
11	household, shared, and small water well
12	systems.
13	"(C) Priority.—In providing grants
14	under this paragraph, the Administrator shall
15	give priority to nonprofit organization appli-
16	cants that, as determined by the Adminis-
17	trator—
18	"(i) are qualified;
19	"(ii) will be the most effective at as-
20	sisting those communities or individuals
21	that have, either individually or collectively,
22	the greatest need in the States; and
23	"(iii) have demonstrated experience in
24	providing similar technical assistance and
25	in developing similar projects.

1	"(3) Funding.—
2	"(A) Lobbying expenses.—No portion
3	of any State loan fund established under section
4	1452 and no portion of any funds made avail-
5	able under this subsection may be used for lob-
6	bying expenses.
7	"(B) Indian Tribes.—Of the total
8	amount made available under this subsection
9	for each fiscal year, 3 percent shall be used for
10	technical assistance to public water systems
11	owned or operated by Indian tribes.".
12	TITLE IV—ADDITIONAL GRANT
13	PROGRAMS
13 14	PROGRAMS SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS.
14	SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS.
14 15	SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS. In this title, the following definitions apply:
14 15 16	SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS. In this title, the following definitions apply: (1) ACADEMY.—The term "Academy" means
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14 15 16 17 18	SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS. In this title, the following definitions apply: (1) ACADEMY.—The term "Academy" means the National Academy of Sciences. (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Adminis-
14 15 16 17 18	SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS. In this title, the following definitions apply: (1) ACADEMY.—The term "Academy" means the National Academy of Sciences. (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Environ-
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS. In this title, the following definitions apply: (1) ACADEMY.—The term "Academy" means the National Academy of Sciences. (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	SEC. 401. DEFINITIONS. In this title, the following definitions apply: (1) ACADEMY.—The term "Academy" means the National Academy of Sciences. (2) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. (3) COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM.—The term

1	(4) Public water system.—The term "public
2	water system" has the meaning given that term in
3	section 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
4	U.S.C. 300f).
5	(5) TREATMENT WORKS.—The term "treatment
6	works" has the meaning given that term in section
7	212 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
8	U.S.C. 1292).
9	(6) Water protection and reinvestment
10	TRUST FUND.—The term "Water Protection and Re-
11	investment Trust Fund" means the trust fund es-
12	tablished by section 9511 of the Internal Revenue
13	Code of 1986, as added by section 101(a) of this
13 14	Code of 1986, as added by section 101(a) of this Act.
14	Act .
14 15	Act. SEC. 402. TREATMENT WORKS AND COMMUNITY WATER
14 15 16 17	Act. SEC. 402. TREATMENT WORKS AND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM SECURITY GRANTS.
14 15 16 17	Act. SEC. 402. TREATMENT WORKS AND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM SECURITY GRANTS. (a) Grants for Security Enhancements.—The
14 15 16 17	Act. SEC. 402. TREATMENT WORKS AND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM SECURITY GRANTS. (a) GRANTS FOR SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS.—The Administrator may make a grant to any State, munici-
14 15 16 17 18	Act. SEC. 402. TREATMENT WORKS AND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM SECURITY GRANTS. (a) Grants for Security Enhancements.—The Administrator may make a grant to any State, municipality, publicly owned treatment works, or community
14 15 16 17 18 19 20	Act. SEC. 402. TREATMENT WORKS AND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM SECURITY GRANTS. (a) Grants for Security Enhancements.—The Administrator may make a grant to any State, municipality, publicly owned treatment works, or community water system—
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Act. SEC. 402. TREATMENT WORKS AND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM SECURITY GRANTS. (a) Grants for Security Enhancements.—The Administrator may make a grant to any State, municipality, publicly owned treatment works, or community water system— (1) for capital projects that increase the secu-
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Act. SEC. 402. TREATMENT WORKS AND COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEM SECURITY GRANTS. (a) Grants for Security Enhancements.—The Administrator may make a grant to any State, municipality, publicly owned treatment works, or community water system— (1) for capital projects that increase the security of the community water system or publicly

- 1 security plan required under section 1433 of the
- 2 Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300i–2) or any
- 3 other applicable law.
- 4 (b) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
- 5 costs for which a grant is made under this section shall
- 6 be 65 percent.
- 7 (c) Funding.—The Administrator shall carry out
- 8 this section using funds appropriated out of the Water
- 9 Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund that are allo-
- 10 cated for that purpose under section 102.
- 11 SEC. 403. CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION
- 12 GRANTS.
- 13 (a) Grant Program.—The Administrator shall
- 14 carry out a competitive grant program to support efforts
- 15 by publicly owned treatment works and community water
- 16 systems to take actions to increase energy efficiency, re-
- 17 duce greenhouse gas emissions, and mitigate the impacts
- 18 of climate change.
- 19 (b) Eligible Activities.—In order to carry out the
- 20 program under subsection (b), the Administrator shall
- 21 award grants to publicly owned treatment works and com-
- 22 munity water systems for the following:
- 23 (1) Facility or process modifications that reduce
- the use of energy or water, or both.

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1	(2) The installation of small renewable energy
2	generators, including methane capture, wind tur-
3	bines, and micro water turbines.
4	(3) Sustainable practices that minimize the ad-
5	verse environmental impacts of climate change on
6	water quality and quantity.
7	(4) Projects that increase the ability of publicly
8	owned treatment works or community water systems
9	to withstand the impacts of climate change.
10	(c) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
11	costs for which a grant is made under this section shall
12	be 65 percent.
13	(d) MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT.—The Administrator
14	shall not make a grant under this section to a grantee
15	that exceeds \$2,000,000 per fiscal year.
16	(e) Funding.—The Administrator shall carry out
17	this section using funds appropriated out of the Water
18	Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund that are allo-
19	cated for that purpose under section 102.
20	SEC. 404. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS.
21	(a) Training Grants and Contracts.—
22	(1) Funding.—The Administrator may make
23	grants under section 109 of the Federal Water Pol-
24	lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1259), using funds

appropriated out of the Water Protection and Rein-

1	vestment Trust Fund that are allocated for that
2	purpose under section 102, to ensure that an ade-
3	quate supply of certified wastewater treatment oper-
4	ators exists.
5	(2) Amendments.—Section 109 of such Act
6	(33 U.S.C. 1259) is amended—
7	(A) in the first sentence of subsection
8	(a)—
9	(i) by striking "operation," and in-
10	serting "operation, construction,";
11	(ii) by striking "and other facilities"
12	and inserting "other facilities (including
13	stormwater treatment facilities)"; and
14	(iii) by inserting ", and nonstructural
15	treatment options" after "water quality
16	control";
17	(B) in subsection (b)(1) by striking "con-
18	struction" and inserting "construction, expan-
19	sion, or modernization"; and
20	(C) in subsection (b) by striking para-
21	graphs (3) and (4) and inserting the following:
22	"(3) Facilities for which grants are awarded under
23	this section before, on, or after the date of enactment of
24	this section are eligible for additional funding for mod-

1	ernization and upgrades through grants under this sec-
2	tion.".
3	(b) Application for Training Grant or Con-
4	TRACT; ALLOCATION OF GRANTS OR CONTRACTS.—Sec-
5	tion 110(2) of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1260(2)) is amended
6	by striking "United States" and inserting "States".
7	(c) Award of Scholarships.—
8	(1) Funding.—The Administrator may award
9	scholarships under section 111 of the Federal Water
10	Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1261), using funds
11	appropriated out of the Water Protection and Rein-
12	vestment Trust Fund that are allocated for that
13	purpose under section 102, for undergraduate and
14	graduate study by persons who plan to enter an oc-
15	cupation involving the operation and maintenance of
16	treatment works.
17	(2) Amendments.—Section 111 of such Act
18	(33 U.S.C. 1261) is amended—
19	(A) in paragraph (1)—
20	(i) by striking "undergraduate" and
21	inserting "undergraduate and graduate";
22	(ii) by striking "operation" and in-
23	serting "construction, operation,"; and
24	(iii) by striking "but not to exceed
25	four academic years";

1	(B) in paragraph (2)—
2	(i) by striking "use of individuals"
3	and inserting "use by individuals";
4	(ii) by striking "United States" in-
5	serting "States"; and
6	(iii) by striking "secondary" and in-
7	serting "secondary and post-secondary";
8	and
9	(C) in paragraph (3)(D) by striking "oper-
10	ation" each place it appears and inserting "de-
11	sign, operation,".
12	(d) Research, Technical Assistance, Informa-
13	TION, TRAINING OF PERSONNEL.—The Administrator
14	may establish training programs and make grants under
15	section 1442(c) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
16	U.S.C. 300j-1(c)) using funds appropriated out of the
17	Water Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund that are
18	allocated for that purpose under section 102.
19	SEC. 405. SEWER OVERFLOW CONTROL GRANTS.
20	(a) In General.—The Administrator may make
21	grants under section 221 of the Federal Water Pollution
22	Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1301) using funds appropriated
23	out of the Water Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund
24	that are allocated for that purpose under section 102.

1	(b) Prioritization.—Section 221(b) of the Federal
2	Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1301(b)) is
3	amended—
4	(1) by striking "or" at the end of paragraph
5	(3);
6	(2) by striking the period at the end of para-
7	graph (4) and inserting "; or"; and
8	(3) by adding at the end the following:
9	"(5) is applying for a grant for a project that
10	involves the use of—
11	"(A) nonstructural, low-impact develop-
12	ment;
13	"(B) water conservation, efficiency, or
14	reuse; or
15	"(C) other decentralized stormwater or
16	wastewater approaches to minimize flows into
17	sewer systems.".
18	(c) Conforming Amendments.—Section 221(a) of
19	such Act (33 U.S.C. 1301(a)) is amended—
20	(1) by striking "In any" and all that follows
21	through "(1) the" and inserting "The";
22	(2) by striking "overflows" and all that follows
23	through "(2) subject to" and inserting "overflows.
24	Subject to"; and

1	(3) by striking "paragraph (1)" and inserting
2	"the preceding sentence".
3	SEC. 406. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY
4	DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.
5	(a) In General.—Not later than one year after the
6	date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall es-
7	tablish a national water infrastructure research, develop-
8	ment, and demonstration program to develop, dem-
9	onstrate, and transfer innovative or improved technologies
10	and methods for the treatment, control, transport, and
11	reuse of drinking water and wastewater. These tech-
12	nologies and methods may include—
13	(1) reducing energy consumption in water and
14	wastewater infrastructure;
15	(2) recovering energy and nutrient resources
16	from wastewater;
17	(3) reducing water consumption and returning
18	water for ecosystem use;
19	(4) on-site technologies to generate renewable
20	energy at a publicly owned treatment works, commu-
21	nity water system, or other municipal water or
22	wastewater facility;
23	(5) measures to control, manage, reduce, treat,
24	infiltrate, or reuse municipal stormwater;

1	(6) decentralized or distributed stormwater and
2	wastewater controls and treatment;
3	(7) low impact development technologies and
4	non-structural approaches to treat drinking water,
5	wastewater, and stormwater;
6	(8) reducing the costs of compliance with the
7	Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
8	$1251\ \mathrm{et}$ seq.) and the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
9	U.S.C. 300f et seq.), while retaining or enhancing
10	environmental benefits;
11	(9) improving control and treatment of
12	stormwater and nonpoint sources of pollution;
13	(10) mitigating and adapting to climate change;
14	(11) dual systems that re-use stormwater and
15	wastewater for non-potable water resource needs;
16	(12) development of a new generation of water
17	monitoring reporting and notification techniques;
18	and
19	(13) controlling, limiting, treating, or pre-
20	venting pharmaceutical and personal care products
21	from being in or entering waters of the United
22	States.
23	(b) Consultation.—In administering the program
24	under this section, the Administrator shall annually hold

- 1 a national meeting to bring together major stakeholders,
- 2 including representatives from the following:
- 3 (1) The public.
- 4 (2) States, local governments, and organizations
 5 representing States or local governments.
- 6 (3) The National Science Foundation, the Na-7 tional Academy of Science, the National Academy of 8 Engineering, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Na-9 tional Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the 10 Department of Agriculture, the United States Geo-11 logical Survey, the White House Office of Science 12 and Technology Policy, the Department of Energy, 13 and the Council on Environmental Quality.
 - (4) Universities, colleges, and other institutions of higher education.
 - (5) Other public nonprofit entities with expertise in research and development of technologies for the treatment, control, transport, and re-use of drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater.
- 20 (c) Cooperative Agreements or Grants.—In 21 carrying out the program under this section, the Adminis-22 trator may enter into cooperative agreements or make 23 grants or, both, to develop improved technologies and 24 methods under subsection (a) with or to nonprofit and 25 governmental entities having demonstrated expertise in re-

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- 1 search and development of the treatment, control, trans-
- 2 port, and re-use of drinking water, stormwater, and waste-
- 3 water, including the following entities:
- 4 (1) The Water Environment Research Founda-
- 5 tion.
- 6 (2) The Water Research Foundation.
- 7 (3) Public nonprofit entities, including those
- 8 whose members or subscribers include drinking
- 9 water, stormwater, and wastewater utilities and local
- governments.
- 11 (4) Universities, colleges, and other institutions
- of higher education.
- 13 (5) Local governments, including publicly
- owned treatment works and community water sys-
- tems.
- 16 (6) The National Science Foundation.
- 17 (7) The National Institutes for Water Re-
- 18 sources.
- 19 (d) Demonstration Projects.—The Adminis-
- 20 trator is authorized to enter into cooperative agreements
- 21 with entities described in subsection (c) and for-profit en-
- 22 tities to demonstrate the viability and effectiveness of a
- 23 new technology for the treatment, control, transport, and
- 24 re-use of drinking water, stormwater, or wastewater.

1	(e) Selection.—In entering into cooperative agree-
2	ments and making grants under subsection (c), the Ad-
3	ministrator shall give priority to cooperative agreements
4	and grants that—
5	(1) create multiple environmental, social, and
6	economic benefits for communities; and
7	(2) consider—
8	(A) a variety of water resource opportuni-
9	ties and needs;
10	(B) unique and diverse geology and geog-
11	raphy;
12	(C) the ability to provide the greatest tech-
13	nological diversity using limited financial re-
14	sources; and
15	(D) the commitment of each community or
16	regional area to find and fund appropriate al-
17	ternative technologies to resolve their water in-
18	frastructure needs.
19	(f) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of the
20	costs for which a grant is made under this section shall
21	be 65 percent; except that the Administrator may increase
22	such Federal share based on the purpose for which the
23	grant is made and the type of grant recipient.
24	(g) Funding.—The Administrator shall carry out
25	this section using funds appropriated out of the Water

- 1 Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund that are allo-
- 2 cated for that purpose under section 102.
- 3 (h) Report to Congress.—The Administrator
- 4 shall prepare and submit a biennial report to Congress on
- 5 the results of technology research, development, and full-
- 6 scale demonstrations performed under this section and
- 7 recommendations for encouraging the use of such tech-
- 8 nologies by drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater
- 9 utilities.

10 SEC. 407. REGIONAL WATER RESEARCH CENTERS.

- (a) Regional Centers.—
- 12 (1) Grants.—The Administrator, in collabora-
- tion with the Director of the National Science Foun-
- dation, shall make grants to nonprofit institutions of
- higher learning to establish and operate one univer-
- sity water research center in each of such 21 hydro-
- 17 regions as the Administrator, in consultation with
- the United States Geological Survey, may establish.
- 19 The Administrator, in consultation with the United
- 20 States Geological Survey, may adjust the boundaries
- of such regions to assure that none of the
- conterminous regions are either larger or smaller
- than another by more than two fold.
- 24 (2) Designation of National Water Re-
- 25 SEARCH CENTER.—The Administrator, in collabora-

tion with the Director, shall designate one of the 21 university water research centers as the "National Water Research Center".

(3) Mission.—

- (A) In General.—The mission of the centers shall be to conduct and coordinate strategic research, education, and outreach for sustainable management of water resources in every hydro-climatic region of the United States.
- (B) NATIONAL WATER RESEARCH CENTER.—In addition to its mission under subparagraph (A), the mission of the National Water Research Center shall be to gather, archive, and publish data from the regional centers and to integrate the regional findings into a national research strategy.
- (4) Definition.—For purposes of this section, the term "nonprofit institution of higher learning" includes a consortium of nonprofit institutions of higher learning.

(b) Selection of Grant Recipients.—

(1) APPLICATIONS.—In order to be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a nonprofit institution of higher learning shall submit to the Administrator an application that is in such form and con-

1	tains such information as the Administrator may re-
2	quire.
3	(2) Selection Criteria.—Except as otherwise
4	provided by this section, the Administrator, in col-
5	laboration with the Director, shall select each recipi-
6	ent of a grant under this section through a competi-
7	tive process on the basis of the following:
8	(A) The location of the center within the
9	region to be served.
10	(B) The demonstrated research and exten-
11	sion resources available to the recipient to carry
12	out the objectives of this section.
13	(C) The capability of the recipient to pro-
14	vide leadership in making national and regional
15	contributions to the solution of immediate and
16	long-range water supply, water infrastructure,
17	and water quality problems.
18	(D) The recipient's establishment of a
19	water program encompassing several areas of
20	water research.
21	(E) The recipient's demonstrated commit-
22	ment of at least \$400,000 each year in regu-
23	larly budgeted institutional amounts to support

ongoing research in water and education pro-

1	grams through a statewide or region-wide con-
2	tinuing education program.
3	(F) The recipient's demonstrated ability to
4	disseminate results of water research and edu-
5	cation programs through a statewide or region-
6	wide continuing education program,
7	(G) The strategic plan the recipient pro-
8	poses to implement in order to carry out the
9	purposes for which the grant will be made.
10	(H) The recipient's demonstration that it
11	has a well-established, nationally recognized
12	program in water research and education, as
13	evidenced by—
14	(i) not less than 10 graduate degrees
15	awarded in professional fields closely re-
16	lated to water each year for each of the 5
17	calendar years preceding the date of the
18	submission of the application for the grant;
19	and
20	(ii) not less than 10 tenured or ten-
21	ure-track faculty members who specialize
22	on a full-time basis in professional fields
23	closely related to water who, as a group,
24	have published a total or at least 50 jour-

1	nal publications on water research during
2	the preceding 5 calendar years.
3	(c) Objectives.—Except for a grant for the estab-
4	lishment and operation of the National Water Research
5	Center, a grant made under this section may only be used
6	to establish and operate a university water research center
7	in accordance with this section, including the conduct of
8	the following activities and programs:
9	(1) Research.—Basic and applied research,
10	the products of which are judged by peers or other
11	experts in the field of water to advanced the body
12	of knowledge in water availability and use, water
13	quality, water infrastructure sustainability, and
14	water institutions.
15	(2) Education.—An education program relat-
16	ing to water that includes multidisciplinary course
17	work and participation in research.
18	(3) Technology transfer.—An ongoing pro-
19	gram of technology transfer that makes water re-
20	search results available to potential users, including
21	policymakers, in a form that can be implemented,
22	utilized, or otherwise applied.
23	(d) Continuing Grants.—
24	(1) Period of Grants.—After selecting a non-
25	profit institution of higher learning as a grant re-

- cipient on the basis of a competition conducted under this section, the Administrator, in collaboration with the Director, shall make a grant to the selected grant recipient to establish and operate a regional university water center under this section in each of the first 5 fiscal years beginning after the date of the competition.
 - (2) Grant agreement.—In order to be eligible to receive a grant under this section, a recipient shall enter into an agreement with the Administrator to ensure that the recipient will maintain total expenditures from all other sources to establish and operate a university water research center (including the conduct of activities and programs the center is authorized to carry out under subsection (c) and subsections (a)(3)(B) and (f) in the case of the National Water Research Center) at least equal to the average level of such expenditures in its 2 fiscal years before the award of the grant under this section.
 - (3) Competition deadline.—Not later than the last day of the one-year period following the date of enactment of this Act and March 31st of each 5th year thereafter, the Administrator, in collaboration with the Director, shall complete a competition

among nonprofit institutions of higher learning for grants to establish and operate the 21 regional university water centers referred to in subsection (a).

(4) Amount of grants.—The Administrator shall make a grant to a nonprofit institution of higher learning selected under this section to be a grant recipient for the establishment and operation of a regional university water center (including the conduct of activities and programs described in subsection (c)) of at least \$2,000,000 for each fiscal year but no more than \$4,000,000; except that a grant for establishment and operation of the National Water Research Center (including the conduct of the activities described in subsections (a)(3)(B), (c), and (f)) shall be at least \$6,000,000 for each fiscal year but no more than \$12,000,000.

(e) Federal Share.—The Federal share of the costs of establishment and operation of a center under this section (including the conduct of the activities and programs the center is authorized to carry out under subsection (c) and subsections (a)(3)(B) and (f) in the case of the Nation Water Research Center) through a grant made under this section shall be 50 percent in the case of a regional university water center and 85 percent in

the case of the National Water Research Center.

1	(f) Program Coordination.—
2	(1) COORDINATION.—The Administrator, work-
3	ing through the National Water Research Center,
4	shall—
5	(A) support a network of university water
6	centers to coordinate and facilitate information
7	technology development and implementation
8	across the centers;
9	(B) coordinate research, education, train-
10	ing, and technology transfer activities that
11	grant recipients are authorized to carry out
12	under this section;
13	(C) synthesize research conducted under
14	this section;
15	(D) disseminate the results of the research;
16	and
17	(E) establish and operate a clearinghouse
18	to disseminate the results of the research.
19	(2) Annual review and evaluation.—At
20	least annually, the Administrator shall review and
21	evaluate the activities and programs that grant re-
22	cipients carry out through the use of grants made to
23	such recipients under this section.
24	(3) Funding Limitation.—The Administrator
25	may not use more than one percent of the amounts

- 1 made available to carry out this section for a fiscal
- 2 year to carry out management and oversight of the
- 3 centers established through grants made under this
- 4 section.
- 5 (g) Funding.—The Administrator shall carry out
- 6 this section using funds appropriated out of the Water
- 7 Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund that are allo-
- 8 cated for that purpose under section 102.
- 9 (h) Limitation on Availability of Funds.—
- 10 Funds made available to carry out this section shall re-
- 11 main available for obligation by the Administrator for a
- 12 period of 2 years after the last day of the fiscal year for
- 13 which the funds are authorized.
- 14 SEC. 408. COST OF SERVICE STUDY.
- 15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
- 16 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
- 17 enter an arrangement with the Academy under which the
- 18 Academy shall complete and provide to the Administrator
- 19 the results of a study of the means by which public water
- 20 systems and treatment works selected by the Academy in
- 21 accordance with subsection (c) meet the costs associated
- 22 with operations, maintenance, capital replacement, and
- 23 regulatory requirements. In addition, the study shall be
- 24 conducted for the purposes set forth in subsection (b).
- 25 (b) Required Elements.—

1	(1) Affordability.—The purposes of the
2	study shall be, at a minimum, to—
3	(A) determine whether the rates at public
4	water systems and treatment works for commu-
5	nities included in the study are using a full-cost
6	pricing model;
7	(B) identify, if a full-cost pricing model is
8	not being used, any incentive rate systems that
9	have been successful in significantly reducing—
10	(i) per capita water demand;
11	(ii) the volume of wastewater flows;
12	(iii) the volume of stormwater runoff;
13	or
14	(iv) the quantity of pollution gen-
15	erated by stormwater;
16	(C) identify a set of best industry practices
17	that public water systems and treatment works
18	may use in establishing a rate structure that—
19	(i) adequately addresses the true cost
20	of services provided to consumers by public
21	water systems and treatment works, in-
22	cluding infrastructure replacement;
23	(ii) encourages water conservation;
24	and

1	(iii) takes into consideration the needs
2	of disadvantaged individuals and commu-
3	nities, as identified by the Administrator;
4	(D) identify existing standards for afford-
5	ability and the manner in which those stand-
6	ards are determined and defined;
7	(E) determine the manner in which afford-
8	ability varies with respect to communities of
9	different sizes and in different regions; and
10	(F) determine the extent to which afford-
11	ability affects the decision of a community to
12	increase public water system and treatment
13	works rates (including the decision relating to
14	the percentage by which those rates should be
15	increased).
16	(2) DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES.—In addi-
17	tion, the purposes of the study shall be, at a min-
18	imum, to—
19	(A) survey a cross-section of States rep-
20	resenting different sizes, demographics, and
21	geographical regions;
22	(B) describe, for each State surveyed
23	under subparagraph (A), the definition of "dis-
24	advantaged community" used in the State in
25	carrying out projects and activities under the

- Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.);
 - (C) review other means of identifying the meaning of the term "disadvantaged", as that term applies to communities;
 - (D) determine which factors and characteristics are required for a community to be considered "disadvantaged"; and
 - (E) evaluate the degree to which factors such as a reduction in the tax base over a period of time, a reduction in population, the loss of an industrial base, and the existence of areas of concentrated poverty are taken into account in determining whether a community is a disadvantaged community.
- 16 (c) Selection of Communities.—The Academy
 17 shall select the public water systems and treatment works
 18 for the study under subsection (a) from a cross-section
 19 of communities representing various populations, income
 20 levels, demographics, and geographical regions.
- 21 (d) Funding.—The Administrator shall carry out 22 this section using funds appropriated out of the Water 23 Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund that are allo-24 cated for that purpose under section 102.

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$1\;$ Sec. 409. drug take-back grants.

2	(a) Grant Program.—
3	(1) In general.—Not later than one year
4	after the date of enactment of this Act, the Adminis-
5	trator shall establish a competitive grant program to
6	make grants to local and State organizations, tribes,
7	nonprofit entities, and other government entities—
8	(A) to take back prescription and over-the-
9	counter drugs from the public; and
10	(B) to dispose of the drugs in an environ-
11	mentally sound manner.
12	(2) REQUIREMENTS.—In order to be eligible to
13	receive a grant under this subsection, each applicant
14	for such a grant shall demonstrate to the satisfac-
15	tion of the Administrator that, in undertaking the
16	activities described in paragraph (1) under the
17	grant, the applicant will—
18	(A) protect public safety by ensuring that
19	the drugs will be properly disposed of;
20	(B) incorporate environmentally sound
21	practices for disposing of controlled substances
22	(by means other than disposal into a public or
23	private wastewater treatment system or a mu-
24	nicipal solid waste landfill);

1	(C) follow the existing requirements of the
2	Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 801 et
3	seq.); and
4	(D) meet such additional requirements as
5	the Administrator may establish.
6	(3) Collection of different types of
7	DRUGS.—
8	(A) IN GENERAL.—A take-back program
9	does not need to collect and dispose of both pre-
10	scription and over-the-counter drugs to be eligi-
11	ble for grant funding under this subsection.
12	(B) Preference.—Notwithstanding sub-
13	paragraph (A), the Administrator, in awarding
14	grants under this subsection, may give pref-
15	erence to applicants proposing to collect and
16	dispose of both prescription and over-the-
17	counter drugs.
18	(4) No funding restriction.—Entities re-
19	ceiving funds under this subsection may continue to
20	receive funding from other public and private
21	sources.
22	(5) Definitions.—In this subsection:
23	(A) The term "drug"—
24	(i) has the meaning given to such
25	term in section 201 of the Federal Food,

1	Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321);
2	and
3	(ii) includes a biological product, as
4	defined in section 351 of the Public Health
5	Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).
6	(B) The term "over-the-counter", with re-
7	spect to a drug, means not subject to section
8	503(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
9	metic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)).
10	(C) The term "prescription", with respect
11	to a drug, means subject to section 503(b)(1) of
12	the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
13	U.S.C. 353(b)(1)).
14	(6) Funding.—The Administrator shall carry
15	out this subsection using funds appropriated out of
16	the Water Protection and Reinvestment Trust Fund
17	that are allocated for that purpose under section
18	102.
19	(b) Labeling of Drugs and Biological Prod-
20	UCTS.—
21	(1) Prohibition on labeling recommenda-
22	TIONS TO DISPOSE OF DRUGS AND BIOLOGICAL
23	PRODUCTS BY FLUSHING.—Section 505 of the Fed-
24	eral Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355)
25	is amended by adding at the end the following:

1	"(w) No Labeling Recommendations To Dis-
2	POSE BY FLUSHING.—In approving an application for a
3	drug under this section, the Secretary of Health and
4	Human Services shall ensure that the labeling for such
5	drug does not include any recommendation or direction to
6	dispose of the drug by means of a public or private waste-
7	water treatment system, such as by flushing down the toi-
8	let.".
9	(2) Biological products.—Section 351 of
10	the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) is
11	amended by adding at the end the following:
12	"(k) No Labeling Recommendations To Dispose
13	BY FLUSHING.—In licensing any biological product under
14	this section, the Secretary shall ensure that the labeling
15	for such product does not include any recommendation or
16	direction to dispose of the product by means of a public
17	or private wastewater treatment system, such as by flush-
18	ing down the toilet."
19	(3) Drugs and biological products al-
20	READY MARKETED.—
21	(A) LABELING REVISION.—With respect to
22	drugs and biological products that are legally
23	marketed under the Federal Food, Drug, and
24	Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321 et seq.) or part
25	F of title III of the Public Health Service Act

1	(42 U.S.C. 262 et seq.) as of the date of enact-
2	ment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
3	Human Services, acting through the Commis-
4	sioner of Food and Drugs—
5	(i) shall conduct a review of the label-
6	ing of such drugs and biological products;
7	and
8	(ii) for any such labeling that includes
9	a recommendation or direction to dispose
10	of the drug or biological product by means
11	of a public or private wastewater treatment
12	system, such as by flushing down the toi-
13	let, shall order the labeling to be revised to
14	exclude such recommendation or direction.
15	(B) Penalty.—Any drug or biological
16	product whose labeling is in violation of an
17	order issued under subparagraph (A)(ii) is
18	deemed to be misbranded under section 502 of
19	the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
20	U.S.C. 352).
21	(C) Effective date.—An order issued
22	under subparagraph (A)(ii) shall take effect not
23	later than one year after the date of enactment
24	of this Act.
25	(D) Definitions.—In this subsection:

1	(i) BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT.—The term
2	"biological product" has the meaning given
3	to such term in section 351 of the Public
4	Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).
5	(ii) Drug and labeling.—The
6	terms "drug" and "labeling" have the
7	meanings given to such terms in section
8	201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cos-
9	metic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).
10	SEC. 410. STATE REVOLVING FUND REVIEW PROCESS.
11	As soon as practicable after the date of enactment
12	of this Act, the Administrator shall—
13	(1) consult with States, utilities, nonprofit orga-
14	nizations, and other Federal agencies providing fi-
15	nancial assistance to identify ways to expedite and
16	improve the application and review process for the
17	provision of assistance from—
18	(A) the State water pollution control re-
19	volving funds established under title VI of the
20	Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
21	1381 et seq.); and
22	(B) the State drinking water treatment re-
23	volving loan funds established under section
24	1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
25	U.S.C. 300j–12);

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- (2) consider the needs of treatment works and public water systems in carrying out such Acts and this Act;
 - (3) take such administrative action as is necessary to expedite and improve the process as the Administrator has authority to take under existing law;
 - (4) collect information relating to innovative approaches taken by any State to simplify the application process of the State and provide the information to each State; and
 - (5) submit to Congress a report that, based on the information identified under paragraph (1), contains recommendations for legislation to facilitate further streamlining and improvement of the process described in paragraph (1).

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