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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 28, 2021

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself, Mr. DELGADO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. NEAL, Ms. KUSTER, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. NADLER, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. DEAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. ROSS, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. POCAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mr. COHEN) 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 “Clean Water Standards
5 for PFAS Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLEAN WATER ACT EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS GUIDE-**
7 **LINES AND STANDARDS AND WATER QUALITY**
8 **CRITERIA FOR PFAS.**

9 (a) DEADLINES.—

10 (1) WATER QUALITY CRITERIA.—Not later than
11 2 years after the date of enactment of this section,
12 the Administrator shall publish in the Federal Reg-
13 ister human health water quality criteria under sec-
14 tion 304(a)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
15 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1314) for each measurable
16 perfluoroalkyl substance, polyfluoroalkyl substance,
17 and class of such substances.

18 (2) EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS GUIDELINES AND
19 STANDARDS FOR PRIORITY INDUSTRY CAT-
20 EGORIES.—As soon as practicable, but not later
21 than 4 years after the date of enactment of this sec-
22 tion, the Administrator shall publish in the Federal
23 Register a final rule establishing, for each priority
24 industry category, effluent limitations guidelines and
25 standards, in accordance with the Federal Water

1 Pollution Control Act, for the discharge (including a
2 discharge into a publicly owned treatment works) of
3 each measurable perfluoroalkyl substance,
4 polyfluoroalkyl substance, and class of such sub-
5 stances.

6 (b) NOTIFICATION.—The Administrator shall notify
7 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of
8 the House of Representatives and the Committee on Envi-
9 ronment and Public Works of the Senate of each publica-
10 tion made under this section.

11 (c) IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE FOR PUBLICLY
12 OWNED TREATMENT WORKS.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall
14 award grants to owners and operators of publicly
15 owned treatment works, to be used to implement ef-
16 fluent limitations guidelines and standards developed
17 by the Administrator for a perfluoroalkyl substance,
18 polyfluoroalkyl substance, or class of such sub-
19 stances.

20 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—
21 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-
22 ministrator to carry out this subsection
23 \$200,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022 through
24 2026, to remain available until expended.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
2 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
3 mental Protection Agency.

4 (2) EFFLUENT LIMITATION.—The term “efflu-
5 ent limitation” has the meaning given that term in
6 section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control
7 Act (33 U.S.C. 1362).

8 (3) MEASURABLE.—The term “measurable”
9 means, with respect to a chemical substance or class
10 of chemical substances, capable of being measured
11 using—

12 (A) test procedures established under sec-
13 tion 304(h) of the Federal Water Pollution
14 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1314); or

15 (B) any other analytical method developed
16 by the Administrator.

17 (4) PERFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCE.—The term
18 “perfluoroalkyl substance” means a chemical of
19 which all of the carbon atoms are fully fluorinated
20 carbon atoms.

21 (5) POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCE.—The
22 term “polyfluoroalkyl substance” means a chemical
23 containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom
24 and at least one carbon atom that is not a fully
25 fluorinated carbon atom.

1 (6) PRIORITY INDUSTRY CATEGORY.—The term
2 “priority industry category” means the following
3 point source categories:

4 (A) Organic chemicals, plastics, and syn-
5 thetic fibers, as identified in part 414 of title
6 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor
7 regulations).

8 (B) Pulp, paper, and paperboard, as iden-
9 tified in part 430 of title 40, Code of Federal
10 Regulations (or successor regulations).

11 (C) Textile mills, as identified in part 410
12 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or suc-
13 cessor regulations).

14 (D) Electroplating, as identified in part
15 413 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or
16 successor regulations).

17 (E) Metal finishing, as identified in part
18 433 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or
19 successor regulations).

20 (F) Leather tanning and finishing, as iden-
21 tified in part 425 of title 40, Code of Federal
22 Regulations (or successor regulations).

23 (G) Paint formulating, as identified in part
24 446 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (or
25 successor regulations).

1 (H) Electrical and electronic components,
2 as identified in part 469 of title 40, Code of
3 Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

4 (I) Plastics molding and forming, as iden-
5 tified in part 463 of title 40, Code of Federal
6 Regulations (or successor regulations).

7 (7) TREATMENT WORKS.—The term “treatment
8 works” has the meaning given that term in section
9 212 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33
10 U.S.C. 1292).

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