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S.787

Title: A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

Sponsor: [Sen Feingold, Russell D.](#) [WI] (introduced 4/2/2009) [Cosponsors](#) (24)

Latest Major Action: 6/18/2009 Senate committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

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SUMMARY AS OF:

4/2/2009--Introduced.

Clean Water Restoration Act - Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to replace the term "navigable waters" that are subject to such Act with the term "waters of the United States," defined to mean all waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, the territorial seas, and all interstate and intrastate waters and their tributaries, including lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, natural ponds, and all impoundments of the foregoing, to the fullest extent that these waters, or activities affecting them, are subject to the legislative power of Congress under the Constitution.

Declares that nothing in such Act affects the authority of the Secretary of the Army or the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the provisions of the Clean Water Act related to discharges: (1) composed entirely of return flows from irrigated agriculture; (2) of stormwater runoff from certain oil, gas, and mining operations composed entirely of flows from precipitation runoff conveyances, which are not contaminated by or in contact with specified materials; (3) of dredged or fill materials resulting from normal farming, silviculture, and ranching activities, from upland soil and water conservation practices, or from activities with respect to which a state has an approved water quality regulatory program; or (4) of dredged or fill materials for the maintenance of currently serviceable structures, the construction or maintenance of farm or stock ponds, irrigation ditches and maintenance of drainage ditches, or farm, forest, or temporary roads for moving mining equipment in accordance with best management practices, or the construction of temporary sedimentation basins on construction sites for which discharges do not include placement of fill material into the waters of the United States.

MAJOR ACTIONS:

NONE

ALL ACTIONS:

4/2/2009:

Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR [S4317-4318](#))

4/2/2009:

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

6/18/2009:

Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

TITLE(S): (*italics indicate a title for a portion of a bill*)

NONE

COSPONSORS(24), ALPHABETICAL [followed by Cosponsors withdrawn]: (Sort: [by date](#))

- [Sen Boxer, Barbara](#) [CA] - 4/2/2009
- [Sen Cantwell, Maria](#) [WA] - 4/2/2009
- [Sen Carper, Thomas R.](#) [DE] - 4/2/2009
- [Sen Durbin, Richard](#) [IL] - 4/2/2009
- [Sen Kaufman, Edward E.](#) [DE] - 4/27/2009
- [Sen Kohl, Herb](#) [WI] - 4/2/2009
- [Sen Leahy, Patrick J.](#) [VT] - 4/2/2009
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- [Sen Gillibrand, Kirsten E.](#) [NY] - 4/2/2009
- [Sen Kerry, John F.](#) [MA] - 4/2/2009
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- [Sen Menendez, Robert](#) [NJ] - 4/2/2009
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- [Sen Stabenow, Debbie](#) [MI] - 4/2/2009
- [Sen Wyden, Ron](#) [OR] - 4/2/2009

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
Senate Environment and Public Works	Referral, Markup, In Committee

RELATED BILL DETAILS:

NONE

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE

