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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make targeted reforms with respect to waters of the United States and other matters, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Promoting Efficient
5 Review for Modern Infrastructure Today Act” or the
6 “PERMIT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF NAVIGABLE WATERS.**

2 Section 502(7) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
3 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1362(7)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “(7) The term” and inserting
5 the following:

6 “(7) NAVIGABLE WATERS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ‘navigable
10 waters’ does not include—

11 “(i) waste treatment systems, includ-
12 ing treatment ponds or lagoons designed to
13 meet the requirements of this Act;

14 “(ii) ephemeral features that flow only
15 in direct response to precipitation;

16 “(iii) prior converted cropland;

17 “(iv) groundwater; or

18 “(v) any other features determined to
19 be excluded by the Administrator or the
20 Secretary of the Army, acting through the
21 Chief of Engineers.”.