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119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to the period during which areas may be prohibited from being specified as disposal sites for dredged or fill material, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. STAUBER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Reducing Permitting  
5       Uncertainty Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCING PERMITTING UNCERTAINTY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 404(c) of the Federal  
3 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1344(c)) is  
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking “(c) The Administrator” and in-  
6 serting the following:

7 “(c) SPECIFICATION OR USE OF DEFINED AREA.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator”;

9 (2) in paragraph (1), as so designated, by in-  
10 serting “during the period described in paragraph  
11 (2) and” before “after notice and opportunity for  
12 public hearings”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(2) PERIOD OF PROHIBITION.—The period  
15 during which the Administrator may prohibit the  
16 specification (including the withdrawal of specifica-  
17 tion) of any defined area as a disposal site, or deny  
18 or restrict the use of any defined area for specifica-  
19 tion (including the withdrawal of specification) as a  
20 disposal site, under paragraph (1) shall—

21 “(A) begin on the date on which an appli-  
22 cant submits all the information required to  
23 complete an application for a permit under this  
24 section; and

25 “(B) end on the date on which the Sec-  
26 retary issues the permit.”.

1       (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-  
2 section (a) shall apply to a permit application submitted  
3 under section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
4 Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) after the date of enactment of this  
5 Act.