



THE WATER QUALITY PROTECTION AND JOB CREATION ACT OF 2021

SECTION-BY-SECTION

Section 1. Short Title.

Names the bill the “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2021”.

Section 2. State Management Assistance.

Reauthorizes **\$2.5 billion in grants** over fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to States for **implementing State water quality improvement programs**.

Section 3. Watershed Pilot Projects.

Authorizes **\$1 billion in grants** over five years to municipalities to carry out **watershed, wet weather, and resiliency projects**. These pilot programs, authorized by section 122 of the Clean Water Act, were enacted to implement watershed-based efforts to address wet weather discharges, to promote stormwater best practices, to undertake integrated water resource management, and to increase climate resiliency.

Section 4. Pilot Program for Alternative Water Source Projects.

Reauthorizes **\$1 billion** in grants over fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to eligible entities to carry out alternative water source projects. This authority, codified in section 220 of the Clean Water Act, was enacted to implement **alternative water source projects**, such as wastewater or stormwater reuse, to augment the existing water supplies—especially those in arid regions of the United States.

Section 5. Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants.

Reauthorizes **\$2 billion** in grants over five years for sewer overflow and stormwater reuse grants. This program, authorized by section 221 of the Clean Water Act, provides grants to States and municipalities to construct measures to **intercept, transport, control, treat, or reuse sewer overflows and stormwater**.

Section 6. Grants for the Treatment of Emerging Contaminants.

Authorizes **\$1 billion** in grants over five years to municipalities to implement treatment standards for **per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and other emerging contaminants**.

Section 7. State Water Pollution Control Revolving Funds.

Authorizes **\$40 billion** (\$8 billion annually) in **capitalization grants for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) program** for fiscal years 2022 through 2026. The Clean Water SRF is the primary source of Federal assistance for wastewater infrastructure construction in the United States.

Section 8. Indian Tribes.

Authorizes an additional **\$2.5 billion** in grant assistance over five years to address the backlog of critical **wastewater infrastructure needs for Indian Tribes**.

