

115TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide for technical assistance for small treatment works.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WICKER (for himself and Ms. HEITKAMP) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREAT-**
4 **MENT WORKS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title II of the Federal Water Pol-
6 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 222. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL TREAT-**
9 **MENT WORKS.**

10 **“(a) DEFINITIONS.—**In this section:

1 “(1) QUALIFIED NONPROFIT SMALL TREAT-
2 MENT WORKS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDER.—

3 The term ‘qualified nonprofit small treatment works
4 technical assistance provider’ means a nonprofit or-
5 ganization that, as determined by the Adminis-
6 trator—

7 “(A) is qualified and experienced in pro-
8 viding training and technical assistance to small
9 treatment works; and

10 “(B) the small treatment works in the
11 State finds to be the most beneficial and effec-
12 tive.

13 “(2) SMALL TREATMENT WORKS.—The term
14 ‘small treatment works’ means a publicly owned
15 treatment works serving not more than 10,000 indi-
16 viduals.

17 “(b) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Administrator
18 may use amounts made available to carry out this section
19 to provide grants or cooperative agreements to qualified
20 nonprofit small treatment works technical assistance pro-
21 viders to provide to owners and operators of small treat-
22 ment works onsite technical assistance, circuit rider tech-
23 nical assistance programs, multi-State, regional technical
24 assistance programs, and onsite and regional training, to
25 assist the small treatment works in achieving compliance

1 with this Act or obtaining financing under this Act for
2 eligible projects.

3 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
5 for grants for small treatment works technical assistance,
6 \$15,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018 through 2022.”.

7 (b) WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN
8 FUNDS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 603 of the Federal
10 Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383) is
11 amended—

12 (A) in subsection (d)—

13 (i) in the matter preceding paragraph
14 (1), by inserting “and as provided in sub-
15 section (e)” after “State law”;

16 (ii) by redesignating subsections (e)
17 through (i) as subsections (f) through (j),
18 respectively; and

19 (iii) by inserting after subsection (d)
20 the following:

21 “(e) ADDITIONAL USE OF FUNDS.—A State may use
22 an additional 2 percent of the funds annually allotted to
23 the State under this section for qualified nonprofit small
24 treatment works technical assistance providers (as the
25 term is defined in section 222) to provide technical assist-

1 ance to small treatment works (as the term is defined in
2 section 222) in the State.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
4 221(d) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
5 (33 U.S.C. 1301(d)) is amended by striking “section
6 603(h)” and inserting “section 603(i)”.