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Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act of 2006

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Sponsor

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Sen. Chafee, Lincoln [R-RI]	R · RI		May 10, 2006
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		May 10, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 21, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 1995	Related bill	Nov 10, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Wastewater Treatment Works Security Act of 2006 - (Sec. 2) Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide grants to any state or local agency or privately owned utility that principally treats municipal wastewater for: (1) a vulnerability assessment of publicly owned treatment works; (2) implementation of security enhancements to reduce identified vulnerabilities; (3) the development, expansion, or upgrading of emergency response plans and site security plans; and (4) the voluntary creation of, or participation in, a mutual aid and emergency network preparedness agreements developed in accordance with the National Incident Management System.

Authorizes the Administrator, upon certification that a vulnerability assessment has been completed and that assistance is sought for a security enhancement, to provide grants for: (1) equipment and activities relating to access control, intrusion prevention and delay, and detection of intruders and hazardous or dangerous substances; (2) an activity to improve security for electronic, computer, or other automated systems and remote security systems; (3) security training; and (4) security screening of employees or contractor support services.

Prohibits: (1) a grant from being used for personnel costs or for the operation or maintenance of facilities, equipment, or systems; and (2) the Administrator from requiring an applicant to provide the Administrator with a copy of a vulnerability assessment, except to view. Provides for the protection of vulnerability assessment information from unauthorized disclosure.

Limits: (1) the federal share of the cost of grant-funded activities for vulnerability assessments and security enhancements to 50%; and (2) the total amount of such grants for publicly owned treatment works to \$100,000.

Authorizes the Administrator to: (1) provide technical guidance to small publicly owned treatment works (serving fewer than 10,000 individuals) for a vulnerability assessment, emergency response plan, or site security plan and for implementing security enhancements; and (2) make grants to nonprofit organizations to improve assessment methodologies for publicly owned treatment works and to implement a comprehensive training program for treatment works or privately owned utilities that principally treat municipal wastewater.

(Sec. 3) Requires the Administrator to research and review: (1) means of providing alternative processes to convey, treat, and dispose of wastewater if a disruption of service event occurs; (2) means by which a collection system of a treatment works could be used to convey hazardous substances and secured in response to an intentional harmful act; (3) methods for monitoring a collection system for hazardous substances and unauthorized entry; and (4) treatment technologies.

Authorizes appropriations.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 28, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S10445-10446)
- **Sep 21, 2006:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Inhofe with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 109-345. Additional views filed.
- **Sep 21, 2006:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 625.
- **May 23, 2006:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **May 10, 2006:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 10, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S4340-4341)
- **May 10, 2006:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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