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Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Lautenberg, Frank R. [D-NJ]

Party: Democratic • **State:** NJ • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 15, 2007
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 30, 2007
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Dec 12, 2007
Sen. Clinton, Hillary Rodham [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 22, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Sep 24, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2452	Related bill	Aug 1, 2008: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act - Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to require owners or operators of publicly owned sewage treatment works to: (1) institute a monitoring program that alerts such owners or operators of sewer overflows; (2) notify the public of such overflows within 24 hours in areas where human health is potentially affected; (3) immediately notify public health authorities and other affected entities in the case of overflows that may imminently and substantially endanger public health; and (4) make specified reports on overflows, including the number of overflows in a calendar year, to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or a state.

Requires each state to provide the Administrator an annual summary of sewer overflows.

Authorizes a state to submit evidence to the Administrator that it has in place a legally enforceable sewage overflow notification program that is substantially equivalent to the notification requirements of this Act. Sets forth factors for determining substantial equivalency.

Authorizes funding from state water pollution control revolving funds to carry out the monitoring of sewer overflows.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 24, 2008:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Boxer with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. With written report No. 110-497. Minority views filed.
- **Sep 24, 2008:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 1075.
- **Sep 17, 2008:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Sep 20, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Sep 20, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11859-11860)
- **Sep 20, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.