

## HR 6460

### Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act of 2008

**Congress:** 110 (2007–2009, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Oberstar, James L. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		Jul 10, 2008
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Rep. Biggert, Judy [R-IL-13]	R · IL		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Camp, Dave [R-MI-4]	R · MI		Jul 15, 2008
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Rep. Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL-10]	R · IL		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Knollenberg, Joe [R-MI-9]	R · MI		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Kuhl, John R. "Randy", Jr. [R-NY-29]	R · NY		Jul 15, 2008
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Rep. McCotter, Thaddeus G. [R-MI-11]	R · MI		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Regula, Ralph [R-OH-16]	R · OH		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	R · MI		Jul 15, 2008
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Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25]	R · NY		Jul 15, 2008
Rep. Dingell, John D. [D-MI-15]	D · MI		Jul 16, 2008
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Jul 16, 2008
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jul 16, 2008
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		Jul 16, 2008
Rep. Sutton, Betty [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Jul 16, 2008
Rep. Walberg, Timothy [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Jul 16, 2008
Rep. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 17, 2008
Rep. Kagen, Steve [D-WI-8]	D · WI		Jul 17, 2008
Rep. Kilpatrick, Carolyn C. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jul 17, 2008
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Jul 17, 2008
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Jul 22, 2008
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jul 22, 2008
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jul 22, 2008
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jul 23, 2008
Rep. Visclosky, Peter J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jul 23, 2008
Rep. Emanuel, Rahm [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Jul 29, 2008
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-27]	D · NY		Jul 29, 2008
Rep. Petri, Thomas E. [R-WI-6]	R · WI		Jul 29, 2008
Rep. Reynolds, Thomas M. [R-NY-26]	R · NY		Jul 29, 2008

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Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		Jul 29, 2008
Rep. Wilson, Charles A. [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Jul 31, 2008
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		Aug 1, 2008
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Sep 8, 2008
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-17]	D · OH		Sep 8, 2008

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2008
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Discharged from	Aug 1, 2008

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

## Summary (as of Oct 8, 2008)

Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act of 2008 - Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to define: (1) "site characterization" as a process for monitoring and evaluating sediment contamination under the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) guidance for the assessment of contaminated sediment in an area of concern in the United States; and (2) "potentially responsible party" to mean an individual or entity that may be liable under any federal or state authority used to facilitate the cleanup and protection of the Great Lakes.

Includes aquatic habitat restoration activities among activities the Great Lakes National Program Office is authorized to implement for the remediation of sediment contamination in areas of concern.

Prohibits the Administrator from implementing such a remediation project unless: (1) each nonfederal sponsor has entered into a written agreement under which each party agrees to carry out its responsibilities and requirements for the project; and (2) the Administrator provides assurance that EPA has conducted a reasonable inquiry to identify potentially responsible parties.

Revises provisions concerning the nonfederal share of project costs.

Requires the Administrator to implement, at federal expense, one site characterization per site within a project for the remediation of contaminated sediment. Repeals a prohibition against implementing a project unless the nonfederal sponsor agrees to maintain aggregate expenditures from all other sources for remediation programs in the area of concern or above the average level of such expenditures in the two fiscal years preceding the date the project is initiated.

Authorizes appropriations through FY2010 for: (1) such remediation projects; (2) a public information program to provide information relating to such remediation; and (3) the development and use of innovative approaches, technologies, and techniques for such remediation. Limits to 20% of the amount of funds appropriated for remediation projects that may be used for site characterization.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 8, 2008:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 8, 2008:** Became Public Law No: 110-365.
- **Sep 30, 2008:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 28, 2008:** Resolving differences -- House actions: On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411 - 9 (Roll no. 665).(consideration: CR H10305; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR 9/27/2008 H10155)
- **Sep 28, 2008:** On motion that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 411 - 9 (Roll no. 665). (consideration: CR H10305; text as House agreed to Senate amendment: CR 9/27/2008 H10155)
- **Sep 28, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 28, 2008:** Cleared for White House.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** Mr. Oberstar moved that the House suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment. (consideration: CR H10155-10158)
- **Sep 27, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 6460.
- **Sep 27, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. (consideration: CR S9473-9474)
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.
- **Sep 25, 2008:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Sep 22, 2008:** Received in the Senate, read twice.
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H8451-8452)
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 371 - 20 (Roll no. 615).(text: CR 9/17/2008 H8343-8344)
- **Sep 18, 2008:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by recorded vote (2/3 required): 371 - 20 (Roll no. 615). (text: CR 9/17/2008 H8343-8344)
- **Sep 18, 2008:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Sep 17, 2008:** Ms. Johnson, E. B. moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Sep 17, 2008:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H8343-8349)
- **Sep 17, 2008:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 6460.
- **Sep 17, 2008:** At the conclusion of debate, the chair put the question on the motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Boozman objected to the vote on the grounds that a quorum was not present. Further proceedings on the motion were postponed. The point of no quorum was withdrawn.
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation. H. Rept. 110-849, Part I.
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Committee on Science and Technology discharged.
- **Sep 15, 2008:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 549.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Discharged.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 31, 2008:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 14, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Jul 11, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 10, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.