

## HR 4948

To amend the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to clarify the role of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma in maintaining the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam in Oklahoma.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Mar 25, 2010

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power. (Mar 30, 2010)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OK • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 30, 2010
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 26, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 6465	Related bill	Dec 1, 2010: Referred to House Natural Resources

Amends the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 to modify provisions authorizing the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma to design and construct hydroelectric generating facilities at the W.D. Mayo Lock and Dam on the Arkansas River in Oklahoma.

Requires the Cherokee Nation to obtain any permit required by federal or state law before the date on which construction begins on such facilities, except for any licensing requirements under the Federal Power Act related to the construction, operation, and maintenance of hydroelectric generating facilities. Authorizes: (1) such Nation to initiate design and construction only after the Secretary of the Army reviews and approves the plans and specifications; and (2) the Secretary to accept and use funds offered by such Nation to carry out the design and construction.

Requires the Cherokee Nation to: (1) bear all costs associated with the design and construction; (2) provide any funds necessary for such design and construction to the Secretary prior to the Secretary initiating activities related to such design and construction; (3) hold all title to any hydroelectric generating facility constructed under this Act and allows such Nation to assign such title to a third party, subject to the Secretary's approval; (4) be solely responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of any such facility; and (5) release and indemnify the United States from all liabilities that may arise out of such design and construction.

Authorizes: (1) the Secretary to provide any technical and construction management assistance that is requested by the Cherokee Nation relating to such design and construction; and (2) such Nation to enter into agreements necessary to carry out this Act with the Secretary or a third party.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 30, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water and Power.
- **Mar 26, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Mar 25, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 25, 2010:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
- **Mar 25, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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.
- **Mar 25, 2010:** Referred to House Natural Resources