

HR 753

Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 29, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 937	Related bill	Apr 20, 2010: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 355.

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2009)

Sewage Overflow Community Right-to-Know Act - Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to require owners or operators of publicly owned treatment works to: (1) institute monitoring systems to provide timely alerts of sewer overflows; (2) notify the public, not later than 24 hours after receiving knowledge, of such overflows in areas where human health is potentially affected; (3) notify public health authorities and other affected entities, in the case of an overflow that may imminently and substantially endanger human health, immediately after the owner or operator knows of the overflow; (4) report each overflow on discharge monitoring reports to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the state; and (5) annually report to the Administrator or the state on the total number of overflows in a calendar year.

Makes specified exceptions to notification and reporting requirements for backups into single-family residences and for overflows that occur in the course of treatment works maintenance, respectively.

Requires annual summary reports by states to the Administrator.

Requires the Administrator to issue regulations, including to establish overflow assessment guidance and develop communications measures to provide notification under this Act.

Makes the monitoring systems eligible for state water pollution control revolving fund assistance.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 29, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
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