

## HR 1261

Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act

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### Sponsor

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Rep. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Mar 8, 2017
Rep. Farenthold, Blake [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jun 28, 2017
Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jun 29, 2017
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Flores, Bill [R-TX-17]	R · TX		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Poliquin, Bruce [R-ME-2]	R · ME		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Scott, Austin [R-GA-8]	R · GA		Jul 12, 2017
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Jul 17, 2017
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Jul 17, 2017
Rep. Byrne, Bradley [R-AL-1]	R · AL		Sep 7, 2017
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R · TX		Sep 7, 2017
Rep. Ratcliffe, John [R-TX-4]	R · TX		Sep 12, 2017
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		May 8, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 1, 2017

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Federal Regulatory Certainty for Water Act**

This bill nullifies the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water Rule signed on May 27, 2015, which describes the scope of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act).

Under this bill, the Clean Water Act applies to waters of the United States that are: (1) navigable-in-fact; or (2) permanent or continuously flowing bodies of water that form geographical features commonly known as streams, oceans, rivers, and lakes that are connected to waters that are navigable-in-fact.

Under this bill, the Act does not apply to: (1) waters that do not physically abut those waters of the United States through an actual and continuous surface water connection; (2) man-made or natural structures or channels through which water flows intermittently or ephemerally; or (3) wetlands (including playa lakes, prairie potholes, wet meadows, wet prairies, and vernal pools) that lack that continuous surface water connection.

The aggregation of wetlands or waters may not be used to determine whether the wetlands or waters are navigable waters.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 1, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Feb 28, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 28, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.