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# H. R. 3427

[Report No. 119-]

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to review all clean water-related technical assistance authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2025

Mr. TAYLOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole  
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 15, 2025]

# **A BILL**

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to review all clean water-related technical assistance authorities of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Water Resources Tech-*  
5 *nical Assistance Review Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. GAO REPORT ON CLEAN WATER TECHNICAL ASSIST-**  
7 **ANCE.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date*  
9 *of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the*  
10 *United States shall initiate a comprehensive review of all*  
11 *covered technical assistance.*

12 *(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Comptroller General shall*  
13 *include in the review required under subsection (a) the fol-*  
14 *lowing:*

15 *(1) A description of all covered technical assist-*  
16 *ance available to States, Tribes, local governments,*  
17 *and non-governmental organizations, including—*

18 *(A) the regions and populations that are*  
19 *served through the provision of technical assist-*  
20 *ance; and*

21 *(B) a summary of the activities and actions*  
22 *carried out through covered technical assistance*  
23 *during the 5-year period preceding this Act.*

24 *(2) A comprehensive review of how the Adminis-*  
25 *trator of the Environmental Protection Agency,*

1       *through the Water Technical Assistance initiative*  
2       *(known as “WaterTA initiative”), identifies, selects,*  
3       *and partners with technical assistance providers to*  
4       *support communities, including—*

5               *(A) a description of the criteria, evaluation*  
6               *process, and contracting mechanisms used for se-*  
7               *lecting such providers;*

8               *(B) a description of the extent of coordina-*  
9               *tion with State, Tribal, and regional partners in*  
10              *the selection and deployment of such providers;*

11              *(C) a description of how such providers are*  
12              *matched to meet the needs of local communities,*  
13              *including any pre-engagement scoping activities*  
14              *or community consultations;*

15              *(D) a description of how such providers*  
16              *identify communities in need of technical assist-*  
17              *ance, including economically distressed commu-*  
18              *nities, and conduct outreach to such commu-*  
19              *nities;*

20              *(E) a description of the scope and types of*  
21              *assistance delivered through such initiative; and*

22              *(F) a list of communities that received tech-*  
23              *nical assistance support through such initiative,*  
24              *including the type and cost of assistance received*  
25              *by each such community and a summary of the*

1           *outcomes associated with the provision of such*  
2           *assistance.*

3           *(3) An analysis of any duplication of covered*  
4           *technical assistance available through multiple pro-*  
5           *grams of the Environmental Protection Agency.*

6           *(4) An evaluation of how the provision of covered*  
7           *technical assistance builds capacity in communities*  
8           *to access other water infrastructure programs carried*  
9           *out by the Administrator.*

10          *(5) An assessment of the needs of economically*  
11          *distressed communities eligible to receive assistance*  
12          *under a clean water infrastructure program carried*  
13          *out by the Administrator that are not addressed*  
14          *through covered technical assistance.*

15          *(6) An evaluation of how the Administrator car-*  
16          *ries out covered technical assistance in coordination*  
17          *with other Federal agencies providing technical as-*  
18          *sistance related to water infrastructure.*

19          *(7) An evaluation of how covered technical as-*  
20          *sistance supports communities in understanding,*  
21          *identifying, and implementing alternative and cost-*  
22          *effective technologies and features of treatment works*  
23          *that achieve long-term savings and improved out-*  
24          *comes in addressing water quality challenges.*

1       (c) *REPORT.*—Upon the completion of the review con-  
2       ducted under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall  
3       submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-  
4       ture of the House of Representatives and the Committee on  
5       Environment and Public Works of the Senate a report con-  
6       taining—

7               (1) the findings of such review; and

8               (2) any recommendations to improve covered  
9       technical assistance.

10       (d) *PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE.*—Not later than 90 days  
11       after the Comptroller General submits the report required  
12       under subsection (c), and annually thereafter for a period  
13       of 5 years, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee  
14       on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
15       resentatives and the Committee on Environment and Public  
16       Works of the Senate a plan detailing any actions the Ad-  
17       ministrator has taken to comply with the recommendations  
18       contained in such a report.

19       (e) *COVERED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DEFINED.*—In  
20       this section, the term “covered technical assistance” means  
21       a technical assistance authority, initiative, or program of  
22       the Environmental Protection Agency that is related to  
23       clean water infrastructure.