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To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants to improve wastewater treatment for certain unincorporated communities, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 6 (legislative day, JUNE 30), 1993

Mr. BINGAMAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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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 “Unincorporated
5 Community Wastewater Treatment Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) as of the date of enactment of this Act,
2 there is a severe lack of wastewater treatment facili-
3 ties in small, semi-rural, unincorporated commu-
4 nities in the United States;

5 (2) the lack of facilities is leading to the pollu-
6 tion of rivers and ground water in the area; and

7 (3) the pollution presents a potential threat to
8 the public health of the communities referred to in
9 paragraph (1).

10 **SEC. 3. GRANTS TO UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES.**

11 Title V of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
12 (33 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) is amended—

13 (1) by redesignating section 519 as section 520;
14 and

15 (2) by inserting after section 518 following new
16 section:

17 **“SEC. 519. GRANTS TO UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES.**

18 “(a) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

19 “(1) CONSTRUCTION.—The term ‘construction’
20 has the same meaning provided in section 212(1).

21 “(2) NON-METROPOLITAN AREA.—The term
22 ‘non-metropolitan area’ means an area no part of
23 which is within an area designated as a metropolitan
24 statistical area by the Office of Management and
25 Budget.

1 “(3) TREATMENT WORKS.—The term ‘treat-
2 ment works’ has the same meaning provided in sec-
3 tion 212(2).

4 “(b) AUTHORIZATION FOR GRANT AWARDS.—Not-
5 withstanding any other provision of law, the Administrator
6 is authorized to award a grant for wastewater treatment
7 to an unincorporated community for a wastewater treat-
8 ment project that serves a population—

9 “(1) of 20,000 or fewer residents; and

10 “(2) with a median household income that is
11 less than or equal to the median household income
12 for non-metropolitan areas of the State in which the
13 community is located.

14 “(c) USE OF GRANT.—A grant awarded under this
15 section may be used for 1 or more of the following activi-
16 ties:

17 “(1) The acquisition or construction (including
18 planning, design, repair, extension, improvement, al-
19 teration, or reconstruction) of a treatment works or
20 any portion or any associated structure of a treat-
21 ment works (including any associated collection line
22 or interceptor sewer, notwithstanding any limitation
23 otherwise imposed with respect to the provision of
24 assistance for the line or sewer).

1 “(2) The acquisition of land, or any easement
2 or other right-of-way, with respect to which the re-
3 cipient of the grant is not the owner at the time of
4 the acquisition, that is necessary to carry out the
5 construction or operation of the treatment works re-
6 ferred to in paragraph (1).

7 “(3) The final disposal of residues resulting
8 from the treatment of water or waste.

9 “(4) The disposal of wastewater by surface or
10 underground methods (or both).

11 “(5) The disposal of wastewater through recy-
12 cling or reclamation (or both).

13 “(d) COST-SHARING.—

14 “(1) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of a
15 grant described in subsection (a) shall not exceed 75
16 percent of the total cost of the project that is the
17 subject of the grant.

18 “(2) NON-FEDERAL SHARE.—Payment of the
19 non-Federal share of a grant described in subsection
20 (a) may be satisfied by any combination of public or
21 private funds or in-kind services. The non-Federal
22 share may include public funds authorized or ex-
23 pended for the project that is the subject of the
24 grant during the period beginning on the date that
25 is 3 years before the date of enactment of the Unin-

1 corporated Community Wastewater Treatment Act
2 of 1993.

3 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
4 are authorized to be appropriated to the Environmental
5 Protection Agency, to carry out this section, such sums
6 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 1994 through
7 2000.”.

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