

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1337

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations in each of fiscal years 1996 through 1998 for the construction of wastewater treatment facilities to serve U.S. Colonias and to provide water pollution control in the vicinity of the international boundary between the United States and Mexico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 1995

Mr. PASTOR (for himself (by request), Mr. COLEMAN, and Mr. BRYANT of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ASSISTANCE TO U.S. COLONIAS.**

2 Title II of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
3 (33 U.S.C. 1281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following new section:

5 **“SEC. 220. ASSISTANCE TO U.S. COLONIAS.**

6 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to
7 protect the economy, public health, environment, surface
8 water, ground water and water quality in the U.S.
9 Colonias areas which are endangered and are being pol-
10 luted by raw or partially treated sewage, in furtherance
11 of the goals of this Act.

12 “(b) FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO U.S. COLONIAS.—
13 The Administrator is authorized to provide financial as-
14 sistance to any State along the United States-Mexico bor-
15 der, or to any entity designated by the Administrator, for
16 construction of treatment works to serve U.S. Colonias.

17 “(c) APPROVAL OF PLANS.—Any U.S. Colonias
18 wastewater treatment facility for which financial assist-
19 ance is provided under this Act shall be constructed in
20 accordance with plans approved by the State under appro-
21 priate standards established by the Administrator. Such
22 plans shall include construction cost estimates and identify
23 responsible parties and the appropriate allocation of costs
24 associated with operating and maintaining the treatment
25 works.

1 “(d) FEDERAL SHARE.—The Federal share of con-
2 struction costs for grants shall be 50 percent of such costs.
3 The non-Federal share shall be paid from State sources.

4 “(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
5 term ‘U.S. Colonias’ means any identifiable community
6 (including a community within a standard metropolitan
7 statistical area that has a population exceeding 1,000,000,
8 but not including the entire standard metropolitan statis-
9 tical area) that (1) is in the State of Arizona, California,
10 New Mexico, or Texas; (2) is in the area of the United
11 States within 100 kilometers (62 miles) of the border be-
12 tween the United States and Mexico; (3) is in an unincor-
13 porated area; (4) was in existence before January 1, 1990;
14 and (5) is determined to be a colonia on the basis of objec-
15 tive criteria including lack of potable water supply or lack
16 of adequate sewage systems.

17 “(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
18 is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purpose
19 of this section \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1996
20 through 1998.”.

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