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Ms. WOOLSEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Industrial Conserva-  
5 tion and Efficiency Water Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WASTEWATER DISCHARGE REDUCTION AND WATER**  
7 **CONSERVATION PROGRAM.**

8 Not later than January 1, 2001, the Administrator  
9 of the Environmental Protection Agency shall establish a

1 program to provide assistance to municipal entities, in-  
2 cluding publicly owned treatment works, and non govern-  
3 mental organizations and associations, including water-  
4 shed groups sponsored by governmental entities, whose  
5 mission relates to water conservation and efficiency. The  
6 assistance may only be used to support non-Federal vol-  
7 untary programs that seek to promote new technologies  
8 and processes to reduce the use of water and the discharge  
9 of wastewater from commercial and industrial entities.

10 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE.**

11 Assistance provided under this Act shall include—

12 (1) technical and planning assistance, which  
13 shall include, but not be limited to, studies, waste-  
14 water audits, modeling, data collection, surveys,  
15 preconstruction, engineering, and design assistance;

16 (2) financial assistance (including the provision  
17 of direct grants to municipal entities, loan guaran-  
18 tees, and the establishment of locally based revolving  
19 loan programs through commercial lending institu-  
20 tions), which will reduce the cost of improvements  
21 (including the cost of capital improvements) that will  
22 lead to reductions in wastewater discharges and  
23 water usage by commercial and industrial entities;  
24 and

1           (3) non-Federal program development, which  
2           shall include funding for a period of up to 2 years  
3           for personnel to assist in the development and imple-  
4           mentation of a program that meets the goals of this  
5           Act.

6 **SEC. 4. SELECTION CRITERIA.**

7           (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Envi-  
8           ronmental Protection Agency shall select proposals to be  
9           funded under this Act on the basis of one or more of the  
10          following:

11           (1) Reductions in the discharge of wastewater  
12          from commercial and industrial entities.

13           (2) Cost-effectiveness.

14           (3) Energy efficiency.

15           (4) Other environmental and economic benefits,  
16          including brownfields cleanup and redevelopment,  
17          job retention, and economic revitalization.

18           (5) Reductions in the demand for water.

19           (6) Technical feasibility and ability to replicate  
20          at other locations.

21           (7) Technology transfer plan for distributing  
22          the results of the proposal to be funded.

23           (8) Relationship to other efforts to reduce water  
24          pollution.

1 (b) GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY.—In selecting proposals  
2 to be funded under this Act, the Administrator shall make  
3 every effort to ensure geographic diversity in those pro-  
4 posals funded.

5 **SEC. 5. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN TREATMENT WORKS.**

6 A treatment works shall be treated as a publicly  
7 owned treatment works for purposes of this Act if the  
8 treatment works, without regard to ownership, would be  
9 considered a publicly owned treatment works under the  
10 Federal Water Pollution Control Act and is principally  
11 treating municipal wastewater or domestic sewage.

12 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

13 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Ad-  
14 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency for  
15 carrying out this Act \$25,000,000 for each of the fiscal  
16 years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005. Such funds  
17 shall remain available until expended.

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