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# H. R. 3427

[Report No. 119-275]

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

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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

Additional sponsors: Mr. FIGURES and Ms. GILLEN

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

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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 “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.



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