

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3898

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make targeted reforms with respect to waters of the United States and other matters, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 11, 2025

Mr. COLLINS (for himself and Mr. GRAVES) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Efficient
5 Review for Modern Infrastructure Today Act” or the
6 “PERMIT Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF NAVIGABLE WATERS.**

8 Section 502(7) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-
9 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1362(7)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “(7) The term” and inserting
2 the following:

3 “(7) NAVIGABLE WATERS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(B) EXCLUSIONS.—The term ‘navigable
7 waters’ does not include—

8 “(i) waste treatment systems, includ-
9 ing treatment ponds or lagoons designed to
10 meet the requirements of this Act;

11 “(ii) ephemeral features that flow only
12 in direct response to precipitation;

13 “(iii) prior converted cropland;

14 “(iv) groundwater; or

15 “(v) any other features determined to
16 be excluded by the Administrator or the
17 Secretary of the Army, acting through the
18 Chief of Engineers.”.

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