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To preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 19, 2014

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. VITTER, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. RISCH, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. JOHANNS, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. THUNE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LEE, and Mr. BURR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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A BILL

To preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Protecting Water and Property Rights Act of 2014''.

SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF WATERS PROTECTED BY THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Neither the Secretary of the Army nor the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall—

(1) finalize the proposed rule entitled ''Definition of 'Waters of the United States' Under the Clean Water Act'' (79 Fed. Reg. 22188 (April 21, 2014)); or

(2) use the proposed rule described in paragraph (1), or any substantially similar proposed rule or guidance, as the basis for any rulemaking or any decision regarding the scope or enforcement of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

(b) RULES.—The use of the proposed rule described in subsection (a)(1), or any substantially similar proposed rule or guidance, as the basis for any rulemaking or any decision regarding the scope or enforcement of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) shall be grounds for vacation of the final rule, decision, or enforcement action.

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