



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2417

Water Pollution Program Enhancements Act of 2000

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on July 26, 2000*

SUMMARY

S. 2417 would authorize the appropriation of \$750 million for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2007 for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to continue activities associated with the prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollutants and nonpoint source water pollution. The bill also would authorize a one-time appropriation of \$3 million for the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to study the total maximum daily load program, and a one-time appropriation of \$2 million for the National Academy of Public Administrators (NAPA) to study state and local government programs for reducing water pollution.

CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost almost \$2 billion over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2417 contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no other costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2417 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and the environment). For the purpose of this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 2417 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2001 and that the full amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Outlay estimates are based on historical spending patterns for this program.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority ^a	316	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	205	230	220	142	47	0
Proposed Changes	205	230	220	142	47	0
Water Pollution Programs						
Authorization Level	0	750	750	750	750	750
Estimated Outlays	0	38	150	375	600	713
NAS and NAPA Studies						
Authorization Level	0	5	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	3	2	0	0	0
Spending Under S. 2417						
Authorization Level ^a	316	755	750	750	750	750
Estimated Outlays	205	271	372	517	647	713

a. The 2000 level includes the amount appropriated for that year for the water pollution control programs that S. 2417 would reauthorize.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2417 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no other costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would authorize \$750 million annually from 2001 through 2007 for grants to states and interstate agencies to implement programs to control water pollution, including managing nonpoint sources of pollution.

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