

##Delaware River Watershed Support Act

###AN ACT to provide support to clean the Delaware River

WHEREAS, The Delaware River flows [419 Miles from New York through Pennsylvania before reaching the Atlantic Ocean](<https://www.delawareriverkeeper.org/delaware-river>)

WHEREAS, 15 million Americans rely on the Delaware River for their water, including New York City and Philadelphia

WHEREAS, the Delaware River has numerous threats to water quality, including [Fossil Fuels and Mining, Industrial Pollution, Sewage, and Runoff Pollution](https://environmentamerica.org/sites/environment/files/cpn/Delaware_Watershed_Factsheets/Summary_of_Threats_in_the_Delaware_River_Basin-Environment_America.pdf)

WHEREAS, It is the job of Congress to help to clean the environment and help its citizens.

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

****Sec. 1: Title and Severability****

****(a)**** This act shall be known as the “Delaware River Watershed Support Act”

****(b)**** The provisions of this act are severable. If any part of this act shall be found unconstitutional, then that part shall be struck.

****Sec. 2: Definitions****

****(a)**** The Delaware River is defined as the river which flows 419 miles from the Catskill Mountains from the Atlantic Ocean.

****(b)**** Fossil Fuels are defined as a fuel formed by natural processes, such as anaerobic decomposition of buried dead organisms, containing organic molecules originating in ancient photosynthesis that release energy in combustion.

****(c)**** Surface runoff is defined as the flow of water occurring on the ground surface when excess rainwater, stormwater, meltwater, or other sources, can no longer sufficiently rapidly infiltrate in the soil.

(d) Administrator shall refer to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(e) DBRC shall refer to the Delaware River Basin Commission as defined in [16 US Code § 460o](<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/16/460o>)

Sec. 3: Cleansing of the Delaware River

(a)[33 U.S. Code § 610](<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/33/610>) (d)(1)(a) is hereby amended to add the following:

(vi) The Delaware River Basin

Sec. 4: Cleaning Research

(a) The DBRC shall discover which shall be the best methods for cleaning the following things out of the Delaware River.

(1) Fossil Fuels and Mining

(2) Industrial Pollution

(3) Sewage

(4) Runoff Pollution

(b) The DRBC shall test for each of these in

(1) Urban and Rural Areas

(2) Areas directly near factories

(3) Areas near sewage disposal factories

(4) Areas directly near mines

****(c)**** After reporting the best methods, the DBRC shall report to the EPA for the purposes of funding and the places where pollution can be most easily stopped.

****Sec. 5: Appropriations****

****(a)**** The EPA shall appropriate \$20,000,000 for the purposes of this legislation.

****Sec. 6: Enactment****

****(a)**** This Act comes into force upon being signed into law

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