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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CARTWRIGHT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 “Focused Reduction of  
5 Effluence and Stormwater runoff through Hydrofracking  
6 Environmental Regulation Act of 2013” or the “FRESH-  
7 ER Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. STORMWATER RUNOFF FROM OIL, GAS, AND MIN-**  
2 **ING OPERATIONS.**

3 (a) **LIMITATION ON PERMIT REQUIREMENT.**—Sec-  
4 tion 402 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33  
5 U.S.C. 1342) is amended by striking subsection (l) and  
6 inserting the following:

7 “(l) **LIMITATION ON PERMIT REQUIREMENT.**—The  
8 Administrator shall not require a permit under this section  
9 for discharges composed entirely of return flows from irri-  
10 gated agriculture, nor shall the Administrator directly or  
11 indirectly, require any State to require such a permit.”.

12 (b) **DEFINITIONS.**—Section 502 of the Federal Water  
13 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1362) is amended—

14 (1) by striking paragraph (24); and

15 (2) by redesignating paragraph (25) as para-  
16 graph (24).

17 (c) **STUDY.**—

18 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of the Inte-  
19 rior shall conduct a study of stormwater impacts  
20 with respect to any area that the Secretary deter-  
21 mines may be contaminated by stormwater runoff  
22 associated with oil or gas operations, which shall in-  
23 clude—

24 (A) an analysis of measurable contamina-  
25 tion in such area;

1                   (B) an analysis of ground water resources  
2                   in such area; and

3                   (C) an analysis of the susceptibility of  
4                   aquifers in such area to contamination from  
5                   stormwater runoff associated with such oper-  
6                   ations.

7                   (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
8                   date of enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
9                   submit to Congress a report on the results of studies  
10                  conducted under paragraph (1).