



House Resolution 3895: NAD Bank's Pollution Solution Act

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The Issue

- ▶ Periodic rains have produced flooding and transboundary flows of sewage, causing public health concerns, beach closures, as well as disruptions to the local tourist economy and military readiness
- ▶ Hundreds of millions of gallons of sewage have been discharged into the Tijuana River Valley

North American Development (NAD) Bank

- ▶ Binational financial institution established by Mexico and U.S. to provide financing in support of infrastructure projects' development and implementation
- ▶ The vehicle through which the EPA's Border Water Infrastructure Program (BWIP) supports necessary water infrastructure projects in Mexico
- ▶ BWIP goals include enhancing water infrastructure, and reducing, or eliminating cross-border pollution

One Solution

Increase the North American Development Bank's capitalization to finance more water infrastructure projects in Mexico, in order to reduce transboundary flows into the U.S.

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Authorizes the U.S. government to purchase 150,000 additional shares of the NAD Bank's capital stock, increasing the Bank's capitalization by \$1.5 billion

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Directs the U.S. government to use its seat on the NAD Bank board to:

1) Prioritize use of additional capital to fund infrastructure projects, primarily focused on:

- ▶ wastewater treatment
- ▶ water conservation
- ▶ municipal solid waste
- ▶ water pollution
- ▶ stormwater drainage

2) Develop and implement efficiency improvements to streamline and accelerate these projects

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- ▶ Establishes the U.S.–Mexico Border Public Health Trust Fund within NAD Bank
- ▶ Federal agencies can deposit unallocated funding to be used for design, implement, and finance environmental infrastructure projects relating to water pollution, wastewater treatment, water conservation, and municipal solid waste along the United States–Mexico border

Next Steps

- ▶ H.R. 3895, referred to House Financial Services Committee
- ▶ Committee hearing on NAD Bank-related legislation planned for Fall 2019
- ▶ Hearings are a necessary step for ensuring the committee will be able to vote on a bill

How can you help?

- ▶ Send letters of support to House Committee on Financial Services, requesting a prompt hearing and vote
- ▶ Encourage Financial Services Committee Members to cosponsor H.R. 3895
- ▶ Encourage EPA to request \$100 million for BWIP funding for wastewater projects to be included in the President's budget