

**Amendment to the Interior and Environment Appropriations Bill
Offered by Mr. Cole of Oklahoma**

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On page 57 of the Report, after the paragraph titled "Use Attainability Analysis" insert the following new paragraph:

Water Quality Certification.-- The Committee encourages the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to finalize guidance on the implementation of Clean Water Act Section 401 (33 U.S.C. 1341). Such guidance shall reinforce that the statutory time period for review does not exceed one year, that the scope of review is limited to Federal water quality standards, and that waiver of the certification obligation occurs when a State fails to act within one year from the date of application. The guidance shall also include a suggested schedule for a State making a Section 401 decision, which recognizes that the entirety of the State's review must occur within one year.