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# H. R. 6465

To authorize the incorporation of water quality improvement partnership programs into Federal Water Pollution Control Act NPDES permit programs, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2016

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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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. WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PARTNER-**  
4 **SHIPS.**

5 (a) NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMI-  
6 NATION SYSTEM.—Section 402 of the Federal Water Pol-  
7 lution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1342) is amended by adding  
8 at the end the following:

1       “(s) WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PARTNER-  
2 SHIPS.—A permit program administered under this sec-  
3 tion may incorporate a water quality improvement part-  
4 nership program that, consistent with the requirements of  
5 this Act, encourages investment by publicly owned treat-  
6 ment works and municipal separate storm sewer systems  
7 in watershed-based projects to improve water quality.”.

8       (b) WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AND IMPLEMENTA-  
9 TION PLANS.—Section 303 of the Federal Water Pollution  
10 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1313) is amended by adding at  
11 the end the following:

12       “(j) WATERSHED-BASED RESTORATION WORK.—  
13 Water quality improvement partnerships established pur-  
14 suant to section 402(s) may be used by publicly owned  
15 treatment works and municipal separate storm sewer sys-  
16 tems to attain and maintain water quality standards, con-  
17 sistent with the requirements of this Act.”.

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