

A RESOLUTION

22-517

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

June 5, 2018

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to the need to extend the deadline, from June 30, 2018, to December 31, 2019, by which the Department of Energy and Environment must adopt and publish a record of decision in the District of Columbia Register choosing the remedy for remediation of contaminated sediment in the Anacostia River.

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Anacostia River Toxics Remediation Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2018”.

Sec. 2. (a) In 2014, the Council passed the Anacostia River Toxics Remediation Act of 2014, requiring the Department of Energy and Environment (“DOEE”) to adopt and publish, by June 30, 2018, a record of decision choosing the remedy for remediation of contaminated sediment in the Anacostia River.

(b) In January of 2018, the Committee on Transportation and the Environment held a hearing on the project, at which DOEE requested an extension of the deadline by a year and a half. At the hearing, DOEE indicated that it needed additional time to complete the project to accommodate its partnership with the National Park Service as well as robust stakeholder participation. Additionally, DOEE noted that data gaps identified in the initial remedial investigation required additional sample collection and analysis.

(c) Emergency legislation is necessary to allow DOEE the time it needs to complete the record of decision for this project in a way that is fully supported.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Anacostia River Toxics Remediation Emergency Amendment Act of 2018 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.