

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8395

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2024

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Accounting for the
5 Uses, Disbursements, and Income on our Taxes at EPA
6 Act of 2024” or the “AUDIT EPA Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUDITS OF EPA PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES RELAT-**
2 **ING TO AIR POLLUTION.**

3 The Clean Air Act is amended by inserting after sec-
4 tion 311 (42 U.S.C. 7611) the following:

5 **“SEC. 311A. AUDITS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date of enactment of this section, and every year there-
8 after for a period of 6 years, the Administrator shall pro-
9 vide for an audit of the programs and activities of the En-
10 vironmental Protection Agency under this Act and other
11 applicable authorities relating to air pollution.

12 “(b) AUDIT REQUIREMENTS.—Each audit under this
13 section shall—

14 “(1) be conducted in an objective manner by an
15 independent party outside of the Environmental Pro-
16 tection Agency;

17 “(2) be conducted in compliance with the Inter-
18 national Professional Practices Framework and the
19 International Standards for the Professional Prac-
20 tice of Internal Auditing, published by the Institute
21 of Internal Auditors; and

22 “(3) meet generally accepted government audit-
23 ing standards.

24 “(c) REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF FUNDING RE-
25 CIPIENTS.—Each audit under this section shall include an
26 audit of a representative sample of programs and activities

1 carried out by recipients and subrecipients through funds
2 received through grants, cooperative agreements, and
3 loans from the Environmental Protection Agency during
4 the period covered by the audit.

5 “(d) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
7 after the completion of each audit under this section,
8 the Administrator shall submit a report containing
9 the results of such audit to the Committee on En-
10 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representa-
11 tives, the Committee on Environment and Public
12 Works of the Senate, the Inspector General of the
13 Environmental Protection Agency, and the Comp-
14 troller General of the United States.

15 “(2) CONTENTS.—Each report under para-
16 graph (1) shall—

17 “(A) be disaggregated by category, includ-
18 ing—

19 “(i) the disbursement of financial
20 awards directly or indirectly by the Admin-
21 istrator;

22 “(ii) operation and management of
23 programs;

24 “(iii) development and issuance of
25 regulations;

1 “(iv) compliance assistance;

2 “(v) enforcement activities; and

3 “(vi) other related activities; and

4 “(B) identify each recipient and sub-
5 recipient of a grant, cooperative agreement, or
6 loan from the Environmental Protection Agency
7 during the period covered by the audit.

8 “(e) AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED.—For the purpose of
9 implementing this section, the Administrator is author-
10 ized, in each relevant fiscal year, to use amounts made
11 available to the Administrator in that fiscal year in the
12 account entitled ‘Environmental Protection Agency—En-
13 vironmental Programs and Management’.”.

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