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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 9153 -- New Hampshire-Vermont Interstate Sewage Waste Disposal Facilities Compact.

This bill grants Congressional consent, as required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, to the New Hampshire-Vermont Interstate Sewage Waste Disposal Facilities Compact.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act provides that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) shall encourage cooperative activities to prevent and control water pollution and encourage interstate compacts covering these programs.

The bill will grant Congressional consent to a compact between New Hampshire and Vermont which provides that municipalities of the two States may enter into **agreements** for joint planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of sewage and waste disposal facilities.

This compact was incorporated into Vermont and New Hampshire statutes in 1975, and accordingly, would become effective upon enactment.

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