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H. R. 2505

To require the Corps of Engineers to notify affected communities before releasing water contaminated with cyanotoxins from flood risk management structures, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2023

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

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 “Toxic Health Threat
5 Warning Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELEASES OF WATER CONTAMINATED WITH**
2 **CYANOTOXINS.**

3 (a) DETERMINATION.—Before any planned release of
4 water from a flood risk management structure, the Sec-
5 retary shall determine whether the water is contaminated
6 with cyanotoxins, based on tests conducted by the Sec-
7 retary, another Federal agency, or the State in which the
8 flood risk management structure is located.

9 (b) NOTIFICATION.—If the Secretary determines
10 under subsection (a) that water to be released from a flood
11 risk management structure contains cyanotoxins at levels
12 greater than 8 parts-per-billion, the Secretary shall notify
13 the public and affected governments of the determination
14 and planned release, and any potential effects on human
15 health, before releasing the water.

16 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 (1) AFFECTED GOVERNMENT.—The term “af-
18 fected government” means a State, local, or Tribal
19 government with jurisdiction over an area that will
20 be affected by a release of water from a flood risk
21 management structure.

22 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
23 the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief
24 of Engineers.

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