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# H. R. 8049

To require the Corps of Engineers to prohibit certain discharges of water at Lake Okeechobee, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 14, 2020

Mr. MAST 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Stop Poisoning Florida  
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LAKE OKEECHOBEE DISCHARGE PROHIBITION.**

7 The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief  
8 of Engineers, shall prohibit discharges of water through  
9 the S–308 and S–80 lock and dam structures at Lake  
10 Okeechobee when the water exceeds the maximum con-

1 centration of microcystins recommended for recreational  
2 waters by the Environmental Protection Agency, as de-  
3 scribed in the notice titled “Recommended Human Health  
4 Recreational Ambient Water Quality Criteria or Swim-  
5 ming Advisories for Microcystins and  
6 Cylindrospermopsin” (84 Fed. Reg. 26413) (or any suc-  
7 cessor water quality criteria), based on tests conducted by  
8 the Secretary, another Federal agency, or the State of  
9 Florida.

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