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# S. 1701

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to modify a provision relating to discharges of dredged or fill material into navigable waters at specified disposal sites.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2015

Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 “Infrastructure Reha-  
5 bilitation Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISCHARGE INTO NAVIGABLE WATERS AT SPECI-**  
2 **FIED DISPOSAL SITES.**

3 Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
4 Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) is amended by striking subsection  
5 (a) and inserting the following:

6 “(a) DISCHARGE INTO NAVIGABLE WATERS AT  
7 SPECIFIED DISPOSAL SITES.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),  
9 the Secretary may issue permits, after notice and  
10 opportunity for public hearings, for the discharge of  
11 dredged or fill material into the navigable waters at  
12 specified disposal sites.

13 “(2) PUBLICATION OF NOTICE.—Not later than  
14 15 days after the date on which an applicant sub-  
15 mits all the information required to complete an ap-  
16 plication for a permit under this subsection, the Sec-  
17 retary shall publish the notice required under para-  
18 graph (1).

19 “(3) NATURAL DISASTER.—The Secretary may  
20 issue permits under paragraph (1) without providing  
21 notice or opportunity for public hearings in the event  
22 of a natural disaster (including an earthquake, flood,  
23 hurricane, tornado, or avalanche) that has damaged  
24 a roadway, railway, airport, or other transportation  
25 infrastructure such that immediate construction is

1 required to restore the infrastructure to working  
2 order.”.

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