

Advancing Water Reuse Act: U.S. Senators Britt and Luján Propose Federal Tax Incentive



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United States Senators Katie Britt (Alabama) and Ben Ray Luján (New Mexico) introduced on May 13th legislation titled:

Advancing Water Reuse Act ("Act").

The sponsors describe the legislation as providing a federal tax incentive for manufacturers and other industrial entities that invest in water reuse technologies.

In introducing the Act, the sponsors describe water reuse as the:

... process of intentionally capturing and treating wastewater, stormwater, saltwater, or graywater to make it suitable for beneficial freshwater uses, including industrial processes, irrigation, and groundwater replenishment.

A cited motivation for the Act is what is described as the United States "aging water infrastructure." Concerns is expressed regarding the ability of the nation to keep up with public and private demand for water which makes reuse of the resource all the more important.

The Act would provide a 30% Investment Tax Credit for qualifying water reuse projects.

Key terms defined in the Act include:

- Qualifying water reuse project.
- Recycled water.

Examples of projects that would be potentially eligible under the Act include:

- Installation/expansion of onsite water recycling systems at manufacturing operations and food processing facilities.
- Projects that replace the use of freshwater with recycled water from a municipal water provider for the production of goods or that builds or expands a municipal water recycling system for the purpose of securing recycled water.

A copy of the Act can be found [here](#).