



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **H.R. 6460** **Great Lakes Legacy Reauthorization Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
on July 31, 2008*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 6460 would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with nonfederal sponsors, to carry out projects aimed at cleaning up certain areas of the Great Lakes where contamination has settled into sediments at the bottom of the lakes. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$750 million over the 2009-2013 period to EPA for that purpose. In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million over the five-year period for EPA to conduct research on the development and use of innovative methods for cleaning up the Great Lakes. Under current law, the amounts authorized for those two programs for 2008 totaled \$50 million and \$3 million, respectively.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$639 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting H.R. 6460 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 6460 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$639 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the amounts authorized for each year. Those estimated outlays are based on historical patterns for similar activities. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 6460 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
EPA Funding for Clean-up Projects						
Authorization Level	150	150	150	150	150	750
Estimated Outlays	60	120	138	147	150	615
Research and Development						
Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5	25
Estimated Outlays	4	5	5	5	5	24
Total Changes						
Authorization Level	155	155	155	155	155	775
Estimated Outlays	64	125	143	152	155	639

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 6460 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would extend EPA programs to clean up sediment contamination in the Great Lakes. Any costs state, local, or tribal governments might incur, including matching funds, would result from complying with conditions of aid.

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