



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 935**  
**Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2013**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Agriculture  
on March 13, 2014*

H.R. 935 would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and states authorized to issue a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from requiring a permit for some discharges of pesticides authorized for use under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Under the bill, public and private entities would no longer need to obtain an NPDES permit for certain discharges of pesticides except in cases where the application of the pesticide would not fall under FIFRA, or in cases where the discharge is regulated as a stormwater, municipal, or industrial discharge under the Clean Water Act.

Based on information from EPA, CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Any administrative savings to EPA that might result from issuing fewer permits would be negligible because EPA has delegated the authority to issue most NPDES permits to states.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to H.R. 935 because enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 935 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On November 4, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 935, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on October 29, 2013. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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