



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 25, 2009

### **S. 933** **Contaminated Sediment Remediation Reauthorization Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
on June 18, 2009*

#### **SUMMARY**

S. 933 would reauthorize 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 sediment at the bottom of the lakes. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$150 million annually over the 2010-2014 period to EPA for that purpose. In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million annually over the five-year period for EPA to conduct research on the development and use of innovative methods for cleaning up the Great Lakes.

Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$638 million over the 2010-2014 period. Enacting S. 933 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 933 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**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 933 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					2010- 2014
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
<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	3	5	5	5	5	23
Total Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	155	155	155	155	155	775
Estimated Outlays	63	125	143	152	155	638

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 933 will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2009, that specified amounts will be appropriated in each year starting in 2010, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for the existing programs.

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

S. 933 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments by extending EPA programs to clean up sediment contamination in the Great Lakes and by continuing an existing grant program to provide public information about such contamination. Any costs those governments might incur, including matching funds, would result from complying with conditions of federal aid.

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