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IWUA Applauds House Passage of Pesticides Exemption Legislation

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Idaho's largest water user group is praising approval by the House of Representatives of legislation that would exempt pesticides approved under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act from Clean Water Act permitting requirements.

The vote on H.R. 953, the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act of 2017, was 256-165 in favor of the bill. It now goes to the Senate.

“This is great news for Idaho because the act will eliminate burdensome and unnecessary overregulation by the EPA that would directly impact a wide segment of Idaho water and pesticide users including irrigation districts, canal companies, state and local governments, ranchers, forest managers and individuals,” said Paul Arrington, Idaho Water Users Association Executive Director and General Counsel.

H.R. 953 addresses the negative economic consequences of a 2009 court ruling that requires pesticide users who apply pesticides in or near water to obtain a redundant permit under the Clean Water Act or be subject to a costly fine.

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