

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 4986

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to improve permitting of energy transport facilities, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2024

Mr. LANKFORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Unlock Pipeline Direct  
5 Access To Entry Act” or the “UPDATE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING PERMITTING OF ENERGY TRANSPORT**  
2 **FACILITIES BY ELIMINATING DUPLICATIVE**  
3 **STATE CERTIFICATION OVER FEDERAL PER-**  
4 **MITTS OR LICENSES.**

5 Section 401(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Con-  
6 trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1341(a)) is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following:

8 “(7) No certification shall be required under  
9 this subsection for a license or permit issued to a fa-  
10 cility for the transportation of natural gas in inter-  
11 state or foreign commerce under section 3 or 7 of  
12 the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b, 717f).”.

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