

Senate Bill S.340 the *Sensible Environmental Protection Act of 2017*

Senate Bill S.340 the *Sensible Environmental Protection Act of 2017* essentially removes duplicate jurisdiction under the CWA, and therefore eliminates the need for additional reporting and recordkeeping as already required under FIFRA. Without such legislation, citizen suits that relate to the CWA, but not FIFRA, cause potential liability of Districts in their mission to protect public health.

Senator Crapo, sponsor of S. 340 has noted, "*Farmers, fire fighters, irrigators and mosquito abatement districts must have access to the tools necessary to manage pests and maintain public health. EPA conducts substantial testing of pesticides, and the health of (Idaho) families should not be compromised by additional unnecessary hurdles. Requiring NPDES permits for application is redundant, unnecessary, and ill-suited.*"

The bill is pending before in the Senate's Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW). AMCA in concert with the NPDES Coalition which includes representatives from the forestry, water management, pesticide registrants, pesticide applicators and the agriculture sectors, is currently working with the Senate EPW Committee and to educate Members and Senate staff in a bipartisan fashion on the critical need for Committee approval of NPDES legislation and consideration by the full Senate.

The Legislative and Regulatory Committee will continue to provide updates throughout the legislative process, and will be reaching out to members in key states to contact their Senators as needed. **We are currently seeking help from AMCA members in Kansas, Indiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Iowa.**

If you are a resident of one of these states, and are willing to serve as a contact person, please contact [Angela Beehler](#).