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DE LA GARZA INTRODUCES BILL TO EXPAND BORDER POLLUTION CONTROL EFFORTS

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WASHINGTON -- Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, introduced legislation Friday which would expand cooperative efforts by U.S. and Mexican government agencies to alleviate pollution problems along the border the two countries share.

Rep. de la Garza's bill clarifies and expands the present authority the U.S. State Department -- acting through the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC) -- to negotiate agreements with Mexico to jointly finance the construction and operation of sewage treatment and other pollution control facilities along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Under its current authority, the IBWC is mid-way through construction of the first binational sewage treatment project it will operate in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. This project is designed to address one of the most serious trans-boundary pollution problems facing the Rio Grande.

"The Nuevo Laredo project is the kind of joint effort that helps people on both sides of the border. I believe the United States and Mexico must expand these kind of cooperative efforts to control border pollution problems. The legislation I have introduced formalizes the IBWC's role in carrying out a coordinated and comprehensive strategy to cleanup the border. This legislation will enable the IBWC to negotiate with Mexico to construct joint pollution-control facilities along the entire 2,000-mile border between our two countries," said Rep. de la Garza.

The de la Garza bill would also require the IBWC to submit an annual report to the President and Congress on its activities.

Rep. de la Garza said his legislation would complement the Clinton Administration's proposal to create a North American Commission on the Environment in conjunction with the proposed North American Free Trade Agreement.

"For over a century, the IBWC has played an important role in U.S.-Mexico binational relations. Under my proposal, the IBWC's authority would be clarified and expanded to address problems along the entire border with Mexico and to help make the border region a better place for its residents and the environment," said Rep. de la Garza.

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