

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
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At the end of subtitle C of title XII, add the following:

**1 SEC. 123 \_\_\_\_ . SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.**

2 Section 402(l) of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
3 Act (33 U.S.C. 1342(l)) is amended by adding at the end  
4 the following:

5 “(3) SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.—

6 “(A) NPDES PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR  
7 SILVICULTURAL ACTIVITIES.—The Adminis-  
8 trator shall not require a permit or otherwise  
9 promulgate regulations under this section or di-  
10 rectly or indirectly require any State to require  
11 a permit under this section for a discharge of  
12 stormwater runoff resulting from the conduct of  
13 the following silviculture activities: nursery op-  
14 erations, site preparation, reforestation and  
15 subsequent cultural treatment, thinning, pre-  
16 scribed burning, pest and fire control, har-

1 vesting operations, surface drainage, and road  
2 use, construction, and maintenance.

3 “(B) PERMITS FOR DREDGED OR FILL MA-  
4 TERIAL.—Nothing in this paragraph exempts a  
5 silvicultural activity resulting in the discharge  
6 of dredged or fill material from any permitting  
7 requirement under section 404.”.

