

**AMENDMENT TO ENERGY AND WATER
APPROPRIATIONS BILL
OFFERED BY MR. FRELINGHUYSEN**

In the BILL:

Page 57, after line 22:

Insert the following new section and renumber accordingly: “SEC. _____. The Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, at the time that the President’s budget proposal for fiscal year 2015 is submitted pursuant to section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, a comprehensive report compiled in conjunction with the Government Accountability Office that details updated missions, goals, strategies, and priorities, and performance metrics that are measurable, repeatable, and directly linked to requests for funding.”

In the REPORT:

On page 29, insert the following paragraph in the proper place: “*Updated capability*.—Following the sub-

mission of the budget request, the Committee received from the Corps updated information regarding the amount of work that could be accomplished in fiscal year 2014; the Committee adjusted project-specific allocations downward accordingly. If the Committee receives further capability updates, the Committee will consider further allocation updates, as appropriate. In the Investigations account, the South San Francisco Shoreline, California, allocation was adjusted.”

On page 35, insert the following paragraph in the proper place: “*Updated capability.*—Following the submission of the budget request, the Committee received from the Corps updated information regarding the amount of work that could be accomplished in fiscal year 2014; the Committee adjusted project-specific allocations downward accordingly. If the Committee receives further capability updates, the Committee will consider further allocation updates, as appropriate. In the Construction account, the following allocations were adjusted: Fort Pierce Beach, Florida; Pinellas County, Florida; Lower Savannah River Basin, Georgia; and Savannah Harbor Disposal Areas, Georgia and South Carolina.”

On page 37, strike the last paragraph and insert the following: “*Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Projects.*—Some coastal storm damage reduction projects provide

for periodic nourishment. These projects are authorized for construction over a 50-year period. Some of the earliest projects initiated are coming up on the end of the authorized time period, and the non-federal sponsors have indicated interest in extending the authorizations. To date, the Corps has not clarified its policy for evaluating these requests. The Committee directs the Corps to consider existing authorities, the unique elements of these projects, and similarities to projects with other authorized purposes. The Corps shall report to the appropriate congressional committees, not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act, on any legislative changes necessary to provide a clear policy on this issue.”

On page 64, insert before the first paragraph: “*Missouri River Municipal and Industrial Water Supply Reallocation Study*.—The Committee has heard concerns from existing water supply users that this study could result in sharp increases in monthly water bills. The Corps is encouraged to explore all reasonable options for mitigating abrupt cost increases.”

On page 64, strike the third full paragraph and insert the following: “As discussed earlier in this report, the Corps shall develop a ratings system and evaluate ongoing projects under this system prior to allocating these additional funds. The Corps shall consider developing a

ratings system that takes into consideration the following: ability to complete ongoing work maintaining authorized depths and widths of harbors and shipping channels, including where contaminated sediments are present; ability to address critical maintenance backlog; presence of the U.S. Coast Guard; extent to which the work will enhance national, regional, or local economic development, including domestic manufacturing capacity; extent to which the work will promote job growth or international competitiveness; for harbor maintenance activities, total tonnage handled, total exports, total imports, dollar value of cargo handled, energy infrastructure and national security needs served, lack of alternative means of freight movement, and savings over alternative means of freight movement; number of jobs created directly by the funded activity; ability to obligate the funds allocated within the fiscal year; ability to complete the project, separable element, or project phase within the funds allocated; and the risk of imminent failure or closure of the facility.”

At the appropriate place, insert the following: “The bill includes a provision directing the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers, working with the Government Accountability Office, to provide a comprehensive report that provides updated performance

metrics that are measurable, repeatable, and directly linked to requests for funding. Performance measures in future budget justifications should clearly demonstrate the extent to which prior year investments in programs, projects, and activities can be tied to progress toward achieving priority goals and include estimates for how proposed investments will contribute to additional progress. In particular, performance measures should measure outcome (results and impact), output (volume), and efficiency.” Amend the report accordingly, including the table on page 12.

