

**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT FOR
H.R. 212
OFFERED BY MR. MCNERNEY OF CALIFORNIA**

After section 2, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 3. AMENDMENT TO THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT
2 RELATING TO RISKS OF DROUGHT TO DRINK-
3 ING WATER.

4 Part E of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
5 300j et seq.) (as amended by section 2 of this Act) is
6 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

7 “SEC. 1460. DROUGHT RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGE-
8 MENT.

9 “(a) STRATEGIC PLAN.—

10 “(1) DEVELOPMENT.—Not later than 90 days
11 after the date of enactment of this section, the Ad-
12 ministrator shall develop and submit to Congress a
13 strategic plan for assessing and managing the risks
14 of drought to drinking water provided by public
15 water systems. The strategic plan shall include steps
16 and timelines to—

17 “(A) evaluate the risks posed by drought
18 to drinking water provided by public water sys-
19 tems;

1 “(B) establish a comprehensive list of the
2 effects of drought on drinking water provided
3 by public water systems which the Adminis-
4 trator determines may have an adverse effect
5 on human health;

6 “(C) summarize—

7 “(i) the known adverse human health
8 effects resulting from the effects of
9 drought on drinking water included on the
10 list established under subparagraph (B);

11 “(ii) factors that cause drought; and

12 “(iii) factors that exacerbate the ef-
13 fects of drought on drinking water pro-
14 vided by public water systems;

15 “(D) with respect to the effects of drought
16 on drinking water included on the list estab-
17 lished under subparagraph (B), determine
18 whether to—

19 “(i) establish guidance regarding fea-
20 sible analytical methods to quantify such
21 effects; and

22 “(ii) establish guidance regarding the
23 frequency of monitoring necessary to de-
24 tect such effects;

1 “(E) recommend feasible treatment op-
2 tions, including procedures, equipment, and
3 source water protection practices, to mitigate
4 such effects; and

5 “(F) enter into cooperative agreements
6 with, and provide technical assistance to, af-
7 fected States and public water systems, as iden-
8 tified by the Administrator, for the purpose of
9 managing risks associated with the effects of
10 drought on drinking water.

11 “(2) UPDATES.—The Administrator shall, as
12 appropriate, update and submit to Congress the
13 strategic plan developed under paragraph (1).

14 “(b) INFORMATION COORDINATION.—In carrying out
15 this section the Administrator shall—

16 “(1) identify gaps in the Agency’s under-
17 standing of the effects of drought on drinking water
18 provided by public water systems, including—

19 “(A) the human health effects of drought;
20 and

21 “(B) methods and means of testing and
22 monitoring for the effects of drought on source
23 water of, or drinking water provided by, public
24 water systems;

25 “(2) as appropriate, consult with—

1 “(A) other Federal agencies that—
2 “(i) examine or analyze drought; or
3 “(ii) address public health concerns
4 related to drought;
5 “(B) States;
6 “(C) operators of public water systems;
7 “(D) multinational agencies;
8 “(E) foreign governments;
9 “(F) research and academic institutions;
10 and
11 “(G) companies that provide relevant
12 drinking water treatment options; and
13 “(3) assemble and publish information from
14 each Federal agency that has—
15 “(A) examined or analyzed drought; or
16 “(B) addressed public health concerns re-
17 lated to drought.
18 “(c) USE OF SCIENCE.—The Administrator shall
19 carry out this section in accordance with the requirements
20 described in section 1412(b)(3)(A), as applicable.
21 “(d) FEASIBLE.—For purposes of this section, the
22 term ‘feasible’ has the meaning given such term in section
23 1412(b)(4)(D).”.

