

HR 1709

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide for the assessment and management of the risks of drought to drinking water, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6116	Related bill	Sep 22, 2016: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 4653	Related bill	Mar 4, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
114 HR 212	Related bill	Aug 7, 2015: Became Public Law No: 114-45.
114 S 460	Related bill	Feb 11, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

This bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to direct the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and submit to Congress a strategic plan for assessing and managing risks associated with drought to drinking water provided by public water systems.

The plan must include steps and time lines to:

- evaluate the risks posed by drought to drinking water provided by public water systems;
- establish a comprehensive list of the effects of drought on drinking water that may have an adverse effect on human health;
- summarize the known adverse human health effects, factors that cause drought, and factors that exacerbate the effects of drought on drinking water provided by public water systems;
- determine whether to establish guidance for quantifying the effects of drought on drinking water and for determining the frequency of monitoring necessary to detect the effects;
- recommend feasible treatment options to mitigate such effects, including procedures, equipment, and source water protection practices; and
- enter into cooperative agreements with, and provide technical assistance to, affected states and public water systems to manage risks associated with the effects of drought on drinking water.

Actions Timeline

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