

## HR 6116

### Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 2016

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Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	D · TX		Sep 22, 2016
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Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Sep 26, 2016
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Sep 27, 2016
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 22, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 6460	Related bill	<b>Dec 7, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 6334	Related bill	<b>Nov 16, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 6170	Related bill	<b>Sep 26, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 6121	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 6125	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 6127	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 6128	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 6143	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 6148	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 6154	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 HR 5886	Related bill	<b>Jul 14, 2016:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
114 S 3131	Related bill	<b>Jul 6, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.
114 HR 4653	Related bill	<b>Mar 4, 2016:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
114 HR 1709	Related bill	<b>Mar 27, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.
114 HR 1482	Related bill	<b>Mar 20, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy.

## **Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 2016**

This bill amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to revise regulations for drinking water contaminants, including by:

- requiring the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether or not to regulate no fewer than 10 contaminants every 3 years (current law requires 5 contaminants every 5 years);
- revising the process and requirements for setting maximum containment levels in national primary drinking water regulations;
- directing the EPA to revise national primary drinking water regulations for lead and copper;
- setting deadlines for the EPA to publish maximum contaminant level goals and promulgate national drinking water regulations for perchlorate, perfluorinated compounds, and microcystin (algal) toxin;
- establishing grant programs for reducing lead in drinking water in schools;
- requiring community water systems to assess their vulnerabilities to contamination, including vulnerabilities from climate change or sabotage, and develop plans for addressing those vulnerabilities;
- establishing the Drinking Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program, under which the EPA may award grants for community water systems to increase their resiliency to those threats;
- removing a regulatory exemption for hydraulic fracturing;
- requiring the EPA to develop a strategic plan for assessing and managing the risks of drought to drinking water provided by public water systems;
- revising requirements for the drinking water state revolving fund (SRF);
- creating a process for consolidating water systems that repeatedly fail to comply with drinking water standards;
- requiring the EPA to create an inventory of data about drinking water violations;
- directing the EPA to revise regulations for consumer confidence reports;
- establishing research grants for monitoring technology; and
- requiring the EPA to study the presence of pharmaceuticals and personal care products in drinking water sources.

The bill reauthorizes specified programs under the Act, including reauthorizing through FY2021 the SRF.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Sep 22, 2016:** Introduced in House
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