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To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to consumer confidence reports by community water systems.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOUNG of Florida (for himself and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “End Unnecessary
5 Costs Caused by Report Mailing Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORTS BY COMMUNITY**
7 **WATER SYSTEMS.**

8 (a) METHOD OF DELIVERING REPORT.—Subpara-
9 graph (A) of section 1414(c)(4) of the Safe Drinking
10 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–3(e)(4)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “The Ad-
2 ministrator, in consultation” and inserting the fol-
3 lowing:

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Adminis-
5 trator, in consultation”;

6 (2) by striking “to mail to each customer” and
7 inserting “to provide in accordance with the mailing
8 requirement of clause (ii) or (iii), as applicable, to
9 each customer”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(ii) MAILING REQUIREMENT IN CASE
12 OF VIOLATION OF MCL.—In the case of a
13 community water system for which there
14 has been a violation of the maximum con-
15 taminant level for any regulated contami-
16 nant during the year concerned, the regu-
17 lations under clause (i) shall require each
18 report to be mailed.

19 “(iii) MAILING REQUIREMENT ABSENT
20 ANY VIOLATION OF MCL.—In the case of a
21 community water system for which there
22 was no such violation during the year con-
23 cerned, the regulations under clause (i)
24 shall require the system to comply with one

1 of the following (to be selected by the sys-
2 tem):

3 “(I) Mail each report.

4 “(II) Make each report available
5 on the system’s Web site and, upon
6 request, by mail and provide notice in
7 plain language (either by using cus-
8 tomized message space on the cus-
9 tomer’s bill or by enclosing a flier
10 within the customer’s bill) that—

11 “(aa) the system’s water has
12 remained in compliance with the
13 maximum contaminant level for
14 each regulated contaminant dur-
15 ing the year concerned; and

16 “(bb) a consumer confidence
17 report is available on the sys-
18 tem’s Web site and, upon re-
19 quest, by mail.

20 “(iv) RELATION TO OTHER PROVI-
21 SIONS.—For purposes of subparagraphs
22 (C) and (D), references to the mailing re-
23 quirement of this subparagraph refer to
24 the requirements of clauses (ii) and (iii).”.

1 (b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—Clause (iii) of section
2 1414(c)(4)(B) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
3 300g-3(c)(4)(B)) is amended by striking “(IV) for any
4 regulated” and all that follows through the period at the
5 end of the clause and inserting “(IV) for any regulated
6 contaminant in such water system for which there has
7 been a violation of the maximum contaminant level during
8 the year concerned, the brief statement in plain language
9 regarding the health concerns that resulted in regulation
10 of such contaminant (as provided by the Administrator in
11 regulations under subparagraph (A)), a description in
12 plain language of the specific contaminant measurements
13 which caused the violation and the possible effects on
14 health and welfare, a description in plain language of the
15 actions being taken to correct the violation so as to be
16 in compliance with this Act, and a statement of the date
17 by which compliance will be attained.”.

18 (c) APPLICATION; ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.—The
19 amendments made by this section apply beginning on the
20 day that is 90 days after the date of the enactment of
21 this Act. Not later than such day, the Administrator of
22 the Environmental Protection Agency shall promulgate re-
23 vised regulations and take such other actions as may be

1 necessary to carry out the amendments made by this sec-
2 tion.

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