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To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require additional monitoring of certain contaminants, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. LAUTENBERG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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 “Drinking Water Right
5 to Know Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MONITORING OF UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS.**

7 (a) MONITORING PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN UNREGU-
8 LATED CONTAMINANTS.—Section 1445(a)(2)(B) of the
9 Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–4(a)(2)(B)) is
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(iii) CONTINUED MONITORING FOR
2 DETECTED CONTAMINANTS.—

3 “(I) IN GENERAL.—If, as part of
4 the monitoring program established
5 under subparagraph (A), a public
6 water system detects an unregulated
7 contaminant included on the list de-
8 scribed in clause (i), the Adminis-
9 trator shall by regulation require the
10 public water system to continue to
11 monitor for the detected contaminant
12 for such period, at such frequency,
13 and at such levels of concentration as
14 the Administrator determines to be
15 appropriate.

16 “(II) NO EFFECT ON LIST.—
17 Continued monitoring required under
18 subclause (I) shall not affect the list-
19 ing of or monitoring for contaminants
20 required under clause (i).”.

21 (b) OCCURRENCE DATA BASE.—Section 1445(g) of
22 the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-4(g)) is
23 amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (3)—

1 (A) by striking “The data shall be used”
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The data contained in
4 the occurrence data base—

5 “(i) may be used by the public; and

6 “(ii) shall be used”; and

7 (B) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(B) EVALUATION OF USABILITY.—Not
9 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of
10 this subparagraph, the Administrator shall—

11 “(i) evaluate the extent to which data
12 maintained in the occurrence data base
13 under this subsection are accessible to and
14 useable by the public; and

15 “(ii) implement any recommendations
16 of the Administrator for making those data
17 more accessible to and useable by the pub-
18 lic.”; and

19 (2) in paragraph (5), by inserting “and useable
20 by” after “available to”.

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