

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3898, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MS. ADAMS OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. ____ . EFFECTIVE DATE.

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—This Act, including the amend-
3 ments made by this Act, shall not take effect until the
4 date on which the Administrator of the Environmental
5 Protection Agency issues a determination, made after con-
6 sultation with the consortium described in subsection (b),
7 that the implementation of this Act, including the amend-
8 ments made by this Act, will not increase pollution or dis-
9 proportionately harm rural, Tribal, or underserved com-
10 munities.

11 (b) CONSORTIUM.—The Administrator shall convene
12 a consortium of institutions of higher education (as de-
13 fined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
14 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) with relevant expertise in water quality,
15 environmental science, or public health, for purposes of
16 making a determination described in subsection (a). In
17 convening the consortium, the Administrator shall—

18 (1) include—

1 (A) Tribal Colleges and Universities, as de-
2 fined in section 316 of the Higher Education
3 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1059e);

4 (B) 1994 institutions, as defined in section
5 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant
6 Status Act of 1994 (7 U.S.C. 301 note); and

7 (C) other institutions of higher education
8 located in rural or underserved regions; and
9 (2) seek participation from institutions of high-
10 er education across diverse regions.

