

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–33
OFFERED BY MS. DEXTER OF OREGON

SECTION X. REPORT ON RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAMS AND
RESPIRATORY TECHNOLOGY FOR WILDLAND FIREFIGHTERS

REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Department of Defense shall submit to the defense committees and the Department of Interior and the United States Forest Service, a report on respiratory protection for wildland firefighters. The report shall include—

A summary of current and past Department-wide policies, programs, and practices related to respiratory protection, personal protective equipment selection, fit testing, training, education, and exposure monitoring in hazardous environments;

An analysis of the development and implementation of respiratory protection programs, including uptake rate targets, progress toward those targets, and any barriers and challenges to achieving those targets;

An assessment of the personnel, staff, and technical expertise necessary to administer and sustain respiratory protection programs;

An identification of technical assistance and resource needs throughout implementation;

An analysis of the methodologies, processes, and limitations associated with the selection, testing, and deployment of respiratory protection technologies;

Best practices for providing or arranging fit testing services;

Guidance and recommendations for training respirator users, including initial and recurring training; and

Lessons learned and recommendations for the purpose of applying the findings of the report to federal wildland firefighters and future pilot programs administered by the Department of Interior.