## Amendment to H.R. 1937, as Reported Offered by Mr. Ben Ray Luján of New Mexico

Add at the end the following:

# 1**TITLE** \_\_\_\_\_MISCELLANEOUS2**PROVISIONS**

#### 3 SEC. \_\_\_\_. AMENDMENT TO CERCLA.

4 Title I of the Comprehensive Environmental Re5 sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42)
6 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following:

#### 8 "SEC. 129. MINING-RELATED PROVISIONS.

9 "(a) ASSESSMENTS.—The Administrator, the Sec-10 retary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Interior, 11 in coordination with the Governors of affected States, the 12 heads of appropriate research universities, and the heads 13 of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, 14 shall—

15 "(1) not later than 180 days after the date of
16 enactment of this section, review known, existing
17 abandoned and inactive mines—

18 "(A) to identify the most dangerous aban-19 doned and inactive mines on public land and

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1	private land with respect to the existence of pol-
2	lution and the potential to release any haz-
3	ardous substance or other pollutant, particu-
4	larly with respect to contamination of water;
5	and
6	"(B) to establish a priority plan for activi-
7	ties for removal and remediation of the haz-
8	ardous substances and other pollutants;
9	((2) periodically thereafter, as appropriate, up-
10	date the priority plan established under paragraph
11	(1)(B) as new information becomes available; and
12	"(3) develop a long-term research initiative to
13	evaluate the physical, chemical, and geological at-
14	tributes of closed, abandoned, and inactive mines
15	and pursue technological developments to aid in the
16	cleanup of such mines.
17	"(b) Actions Prior to Certain Activities.—Be-
18	fore conducting any activity at a mine that presents the
19	significant potential for accidental discharge of a haz-
20	ardous substance or other pollutant, the Administrator or
21	the head of any other Federal department or agency car-
22	rying out an activity for mine remediation shall—
23	"(1) provide to each tribal, State, and local unit
24	of government the resources or residents of which

may be affected by such a discharge notice regard ing the activity; and

3 "(2) develop a spill prevention, control, and
4 countermeasures plan to avoid and mitigate the im5 pacts of such a discharge.".

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