

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-9
OFFERED BY MR. MCNERNEY OF CALIFORNIA

Page 1566, after line 3, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 13115. WATER MAIN BREAK DATA CLEARINGHOUSE.**

2 Part B of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
3 300g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing:

5 **“SEC. 1420A. WATER MAIN BREAK DATA CLEARINGHOUSE.**

6 **“(a) ONLINE DATA CLEARINGHOUSE.—**

7 **“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—**Not later than 2 years
8 after the date of enactment of this section, the Ad-
9 ministrator shall establish and maintain a publicly
10 accessible website with a national data clearinghouse
11 on reported water main breaks and associated repair
12 activity.

13 **“(2) CONTENTS.—**The website established pur-
14 suant to paragraph (1) shall present—

15 **“(A)** information submitted to the Admin-
16 istrator by a public water system under this
17 section with respect to reported water main
18 breaks;

19 **“(B)** aggregate State and national data on
20 reported water main breaks; and

1 “(C) trends in such information and data
2 over time.

3 “(3) UPDATES.—The website established pursu-
4 ant to paragraph (1) shall be updated at least twice
5 per year.

6 “(b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘re-
7 ported water main break’ means the unplanned rupture
8 or breach of a pipe 6 inches in diameter or more in service
9 as part of a public water system resulting in water escap-
10 ing and being reported to the public water system by an
11 employee or other person.

12 “(c) RULE.—Not later than one year after the date
13 of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall issue
14 a rule requiring each public water system serving more
15 than 10,000 persons to submit to the Administrator infor-
16 mation on each reported water main break in, and the re-
17 pair activity for such break to be provided by, the public
18 water system with respect to a calendar year. Such rule
19 shall—

20 “(1) specify the format, content, quality assur-
21 ance procedure, and method of submission of infor-
22 mation;

23 “(2) apply to reported water main breaks that
24 occur in the second calendar year following the date

1 of enactment of this section and each calendar year
2 thereafter;

3 “(3) allow for the submission, storage, and dis-
4 play of information in electronic format;

5 “(4) allow for the submission of information by
6 a public water system serving 10,000 or fewer per-
7 sons submitted on a voluntary basis;

8 “(5) allow for submission of any additional in-
9 formation that may be required of a public water
10 system by a State regarding reported water main
11 breaks and repair activity; and

12 “(6) require that a summary of the information
13 submitted be included in a public water system’s an-
14 nual consumer confidence report required under sec-
15 tion 1414(c)(4).

16 “(d) REPORTED WATER MAIN BREAK AND REPAIR
17 INFORMATION.—The rule issued under subsection (c)
18 shall require each public water system serving more than
19 10,000 persons to submit to the Administrator the fol-
20 lowing information with respect to each reported water
21 main break in the public water system:

22 “(1) To the extent practicable, the time and
23 date the reported water main break was reported to
24 the public water system.

1 “(2) The specific location of the reported water
2 main break.

3 “(3) The size, type, age, and bedding material
4 of the broken water main.

5 “(4) The elapsed time from the initial report of
6 the water main break to the public water system to
7 the completion of repairs.

8 “(5) The amount of water escaping from the
9 public water system between the time of the report
10 and the repair, estimated in accordance with ‘Water
11 Audits and Loss Control Programs, Manual—36’
12 (2016) published by the American Water Works As-
13 sociation or any successor manual.

14 “(6) The estimated cost of repairing the re-
15 ported water main break and associated public infra-
16 structure, including pavement restoration, and the
17 cost of any damage to other public or private prop-
18 erty.

19 “(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after
20 the date of enactment of this section, and annually there-
21 after, the Administrator shall prepare and make available
22 to the public a report summarizing and evaluating submis-
23 sions by public water systems pursuant to this section.
24 Such report shall include information and recommenda-
25 tions concerning the methods and resources needed by

- 1 public water systems to reduce the frequency, duration,
- 2 and cost of water main breaks.”.

