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Page 1566, after line 3, insert the following:

SEC. 13115. WATER MAIN BREAK DATA CLEARINGHOUSE.

Part B of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

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

“(a) ONLINE DATA CLEARINGHOUSE.—

“(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall establish and maintain a publicly accessible website with a national data clearinghouse on reported water main breaks and associated repair activity.

“(2) CONTENTS.—The website established pursuant to paragraph (1) shall present—

“(A) information submitted to the Administrator by a public water system under this section with respect to reported water main breaks;

“(B) aggregate State and national data on reported water main breaks; and
“(C) trends in such information and data over time.

“(3) UPDATES.—The website established pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be updated at least twice per year.

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

“(c) RULE.—Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator shall issue a rule requiring each public water system serving more than 10,000 persons to submit to the Administrator information on each reported water main break in, and the repair activity for such break to be provided by, the public water system with respect to a calendar year. Such rule shall—

“(1) specify the format, content, quality assurance procedure, and method of submission of information;

“(2) apply to reported water main breaks that occur in the second calendar year following the date
of enactment of this section and each calendar year thereafter;

“(3) allow for the submission, storage, and display of information in electronic format;

“(4) allow for the submission of information by a public water system serving 10,000 or fewer persons submitted on a voluntary basis;

“(5) allow for submission of any additional information that may be required of a public water system by a State regarding reported water main breaks and repair activity; and

“(6) require that a summary of the information submitted be included in a public water system’s annual consumer confidence report required under section 1414(c)(4).

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

“(1) To the extent practicable, the time and date the reported water main break was reported to the public water system.
“(2) The specific location of the reported water main break.

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

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

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

“(6) The estimated cost of repairing the reported water main break and associated public infrastructure, including pavement restoration, and the cost of any damage to other public or private property.

“(e) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 4 years after the date of enactment of this section, and annually thereafter, the Administrator shall prepare and make available to the public a report summarizing and evaluating submissions by public water systems pursuant to this section. Such report shall include information and recommendations concerning the methods and resources needed by
public water systems to reduce the frequency, duration, and cost of water main breaks.”.