



House Appropriations Bill Unraveling America’s Protections for Human Health and the Environment

On February 19th, the House of Representatives completed action on a Fiscal Year 2011 Appropriations bill that contains an unprecedented unraveling of the safety net that protects America's health and environment. H.R. 1 and its numerous amendments are unprecedented in scope, contorting the budget process into a sweeping rollback of vital health and environmental protections for our nation. In addition to barring specific health and environmental protections throughout the fiscal year, the Appropriations bill slashes EPA’s 2011 Budget by about 30 percent and eliminates resources necessary to carry out time tested clean air and clean water protections for the benefit of all Americans.

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I. PROHIBITIONS ON PROTECTIONS FOR HUMAN HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT			
a. Prohibitions on Air Pollution Protections			
H.R. 1 Sec. 1746	Hal Rogers [R-KY-5]	Agreed to by a vote of 235-189	Prohibits EPA from expending funds “for purposes of enforcing or promulgating any regulation (other than with respect to section 202 of the Clean Air Act) or order, taking action relating to, or denying approval of state implementation plans or permits because of the emissions of greenhouse gases due to concerns regarding possible climate change.”

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<p>H. AMDT. 47 to H.R. 1</p>	<p>Mike Pompeo [R-KS-4]</p>	<p>Agreed to by a vote of 289-185 Link to Vote Detail</p>	<p><u>Impact:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halts requirement for large new industrial sources to deploy available cost-effective measures to mitigate greenhouse gas pollution. • Stop work order on EPA’s consumer-friendly ENERGY STAR line of programs. • Prohibition on all EPA activities “relating to” greenhouse gas pollution including scientific research, support for new US clean energy technologies, website, and collaborative partnerships with businesses and citizens. • Bars EPA’s national emission standards under development that will rely on cost-effective, proven technologies to reduce greenhouse gases from the nation’s largest polluters: fossil-fueled power plants and refineries. <p>Link to Bill Text</p> <p>Amendment reduces the EPA’s Environmental Programs and Management account by \$8,458,000. This reduction would target EPA’s greenhouse gas emissions inventory and disclosure program. Link to Amendment Detail</p> <p><u>Impact:</u> Strips EPA of funding to carry out requirement for nation’s largest emitters to assess and publicly disclose greenhouse gas pollution. Would undermine public’s right to know about the volume of pollution discharges just before the March 31st deadline by which hundreds of the nation’s biggest emitters are required to report pollution levels to EPA, many for the first time.</p>

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H. AMDT. 88 to H.R. 1	John Carter [R-TX-31]	Agreed to by a vote of 250-177 Link to Vote Detail	Amendment prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Portland Cement Manufacturers Link to Amendment Details <u>Impact:</u> Bars EPA from carrying out and enforcing national emission limits for the most hazardous airborne contaminants, such as neurotoxic mercury, discharged from cement plants.
H. AMDT. 96 to H.R. 1	Don Young [R-AK]	Agreed to by a vote of 243-185 Link to Vote Detail	Amendment prohibits use of funds by EPA's Environmental Appeals Board to consider, review, reject, remand or invalidate any Clean Air Act permit issued for Outer Continental Shelf sources located offshore of the Arctic Coast. Link to Amendment Detail <u>Impact:</u> Prohibits EPA appeals board from hearing concerns from citizens that permits to authorize construction of major offshore developments do not comply with clean air standards and requirements.
H. AMDT. 101 to H.R. 1	Ted Poe [R-TX-2]	Agreed to by a vote of 249-177 Link to Vote Detail	Amendment prohibits the use of funds by EPA to implement, administer, or enforce any statutory or regulatory requirement pertaining to emission of greenhouse gases from stationary sources. Link to Amendment Detail <u>Impact:</u> Bars implementation of measures to limit greenhouse pollution from all stationary sources,

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			irrespective of pollution levels discharged.
H. AMDT. 164 to H.R. 1	Kristi Noem [R-SD]	Agreed to by a vote of 255-168 Link to Vote Detail	Amendment prohibits the use of funds to modify the primary or secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for coarse particulate matter under section 109 of the Clean Air Act Link to Amendment Details <u>Impact:</u> Bars EPA from establishing national air quality standards for coarse particulate pollution in response to scientific research documenting adverse human health effects.
b. Prohibitions on Hazardous Waste Pollution Protections			
H. AMDT. 158 to H.R. 1	David McKinley [R-WV-1]	Agreed to by a vote of 239-183 Link to Vote Detail	Amendment prohibits the use of funds by EPA to develop, propose, finalize, implement, administer, or enforce any regulation that identifies or lists fossil fuel combustion waste as hazardous waste subject to regulation. Link to Amendment Detail <u>Impact:</u> Bars EPA from adopting and carrying out protections for the safe disposal and management of coal ash from coal-fired power plants. Coal ash or coal combustion residuals contain contaminants such as mercury, cadmium, and arsenic that are associated with cancer and other serious health effects.

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c. Prohibitions on Water Pollution Protections			
H.AMDT. 136 to H.R. 1	Bob Goodlatte [VA-6]	Agreed to by a vote of 230-195 Link to Vote Detail	Amendment prohibits the use of funds to develop, promulgate, evaluate, implement, provide oversight to, or backstop total maximum daily loads for watershed implementation plans for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Link to Amendment Detail <u>Impact:</u> Prohibits Clean Water Act measures to limit water pollution discharges to the Chesapeake Bay, one of the nation’s premier estuaries.
H. AMDT. 143 to H.R. 1	Thomas Rooney [FL-16]	Agreed to by a vote of 237-189 Link to Vote Detail	Amendment prohibits the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the rule entitled “Water Quality Standards for the State of Florida’s Lakes and Flowing Waters.” Link to Amendment Details <u>Impact:</u> Prohibits EPA implementation of Clean Water Act standards to improve water quality, protect public health, aquatic life and long term recreational uses of Florida’s waters.
H. AMDT. 151 to H.R. 1	Morgan Griffith [VA-9]	Agreed to by a vote of 235-185 Link to Vote Detail	Prohibits EPA, the Corps of Engineers, or the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement from carrying out or enforcing environmental protections set forth in a Memorandum of Understanding. Link to Amendment Detail <u>Impact:</u> Bars federal agencies from carrying out clean water and mining protections to reduce harmful impacts

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			of mountain mining removal and surface coal mining practices on Appalachian communities and the Appalachian environment as set forth in a cooperative June 2009 Memorandum of Understanding.
H. AMDT. 157 to H.R. 1	David McKinley [WV-1]	Agreed to by a vote of 240-182 Link to Vote Detail	Prohibits the use of funds by EPA to carry out section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act (which allows EPA to restrict disposal sites when it finds that disposal at such sites will have an unacceptable adverse effect on municipal water supplies, shellfish beds and fishery areas, wildlife, or recreational areas). Link to Amendment Detail <u>Impact:</u> Prohibits EPA from protecting human health and the environment from water pollution discharges such as EPA’s recent action at the Spruce No. 1 Surface Mine in Logan County, West Virginia.
II. PROHIBITIONS ON CLIMATE SCIENCE AND SERVICES			
H. AMDT. 148 to H.R. 1	Ralph Hall [TX-4]	Agreed to by a vote of 233-187 Link to Vote Detail	Amendment prohibits the use of funds to implement, establish, or create a NOAA Climate Service as described in the “Draft NOAA Climate Service Strategic Vision and Framework” published at 75 FR 57,739. Link to Amendment Detail <u>Impact:</u> Bars NOAA’s proposal, consistent with the September 13, 2010 recommendations of the National Academy of Public Administration, to provide streamlined more efficient services for “the delivery and development of reliable, timely, and authoritative climate science and services to enable a climate-resilient

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H. AMDT. 154 to H.R. 1	Blaine Luetkemeyer [MO-9]	Agreed to by a vote of 244-179 Link to Vote Detail	<p>society to grow and prosper.” See Draft NOAA Climate Service Strategic Vision and Framework at p. 3 (stating purpose).</p> <p>Amendment prohibits the use of funds for contributions to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Link to Amendment Detail</p> <p><u>Impact:</u> Bars U.S. supported participation in the leading scientific intergovernmental body assessing climate change with 194 member countries and thousands of participating scientists from a variety of disciplines. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change received the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.</p>
III. PROHIBITIONS ON PROTECTION OF FISHERIES			
H. AMDT. 152 to H.R. 1	Walter Jones [R-NC-3]	Agreed to by a vote of 259-159 Link to Vote Detail	<p>Amendment prohibits the use of funds for any fishery under the jurisdiction of the South Atlantic, Mid-Atlantic, New England, or Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Link to Amendment Detail</p> <p><u>Impact:</u> Bars implementation of incentive-based programs to strengthen health and economics of major US fisheries and coastal communities.</p>