

House Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies

Fiscal Year 2022 Energy and Water Development
and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill

MANAGER'S AMENDMENT
Offered by Ms. Kaptur of Ohio
(Kaptur #1)

In the REPORT:

On page 10, after the last paragraph, insert the following:

Lithium-ion Battery Technology.—The Committee recognizes that battery metals are a critical resource for domestic manufacturing and supporting the U.S. supply chain and that other countries are investing funds to grow their own lithium-ion battery supply chains. In order to effectively compete internationally, the United States must accelerate current lithium production and the pursuit of future production to support national security and other applications, including electric vehicle manufacturing. The Committee urges the Department of Energy and the Corps of Engineers to support the expeditious development and production of lithium-ion battery technology.

On page 29, strike the second full paragraph and replace with the following:

Salton Sea, California.—The Committee recognizes the role that the Corps plays in the restoration of the Salton Sea and encourages the Corps to be an active participant in restoration efforts involving federal participation, including the California Natural Resources Agency’s Salton Sea Management Plan. The Committee notes the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Resolution dated April 25, 2016, authorizing the Imperial Stream Salton Sea study, an aquatic ecosystem restoration study on an inland lake with associated public health risks, and encourages the Corps to include appropriate funding in future budget submissions.

On page 30, after the first full paragraph, add the following:

Upper Mississippi River Basin and Northeast Iowa Flooding.—The Committee is aware that flooding is a consistent, recurring issue in Northeast Iowa and along the entire Upper Mississippi River. The repetitive flooding is causing extensive property damage, bank instability, and loss of agricultural and recreational value. Within its existing authorities, the Corps is encouraged to continue coordinating closely with affected communities in this region and to help these communities mitigate future flood disasters in this area.

On page 43, strike the second full paragraph and replace with the following:

Comprehensive Watershed Management Studies.—The Committee urges the Corps to move forward expeditiously to optimize Corps operational procedures by modernizing multi-state watershed management regimes, such as through efforts like the study described in section 213 of WRDA 2020. The section 213 study was authorized under the requirements, including cost share, of the Mississippi River and Tributaries project.

On page **100**, strike the last two lines of the page.

On page **101**, strike the first partial paragraph of the page.

On page **127**, strike the second full paragraph and insert the following:

The Committee believes it is critical that there is access to funding and support that helps to prevent future electricity disruptions, including support for local communities. The Department is encouraged to provide grants to entities for activities and infrastructure that ensure the electric grid is safe and secure from events that may disrupt it, including support for electric grid infrastructure such as transmission and distribution.

On page **134**, in the sixth full paragraph, strike “funds” and replace with “\$145,000,000”

On page **145**, strike the first full paragraph, and replace with the following:

The Committee understands that a third-party effort is underway to collect environmental samples in the area. When the sampling effort is complete, the Department is directed to consult with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and provide to the Committee a briefing on the results. In the event that it is determined that updating the 1996 public health assessment is warranted, the Department is further directed to coordinate planning with the ATSDR, including an evaluation from ATSDR of whether an epidemiological study or comprehensive review of cancer rates in Pike and surrounding counties is warranted.

On page **147**, in the fifth full paragraph, strike “\$10,000,000” and replace with “\$15,000,000”

On page **151**, at the end of the first partial paragraph, after “community’s consensus process” add “and to conduct these activities in conjunction with university-led teams as appropriate”.

On page **157**, after the first full paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

The Committee is concerned about the security and economic implications of America’s dependence on foreign nations to fulfill the rare earth mineral needs of America’s energy and defense sectors. The Committee is also concerned about the potential influence of foreign owned and controlled assets in the United States related to critical minerals. The Department, in coordination with relevant federal agencies, is directed to provide to the Committee not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act a report regarding any financial or technical support provided by the Department to domestic critical minerals assets and the status of such financial or technical support.

On page **166**, after the third full paragraph, insert the following:

The Committee notes that \$2,500,000 was provided in the fiscal year 2021 Act to develop plans for the permanent removal of SR-90 capsules from the Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility. The Department is directed to utilize these funds to carry out an evaluation of removal of the capsules for possible future beneficial use. The evaluation shall include, at minimum, the specific actions necessary to prepare capsules for removal and transportation; the Department’s history with current and past transfer agreements, including the financial structure of those agreements; and the costs, benefits, and risks to the federal government of future removal actions.