

**MANAGER’S AMENDMENT**

**In the BILL:**

On page 15, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

“SEC. 109. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to prevent the access of Congress to basic, factual information, such as project schedule statuses, budget justification materials, statutorily required execution reports, damage repair estimates, project capabilities, and other budgetary and non-budgetary project information in a timely fashion.”

**In the REPORT:**

On page 5, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

“*Outcome-based Reviews.*—The Committee supports: (1) the conduct of outcome-based program and operational reviews consistent with the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010; (2) the review of existing regulations, internal policies, and administrative requirements to identify outdated, duplicative, or unnecessarily burdensome provisions; and (3) the identification of opportunities for cost savings, administrative streamlining, and improved program delivery. Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Army (acting through the Chief of Engineers), and all other department or agency leadership shall submit a report to the Appropriations Subcommittee for Energy and Water Development on capacity to strengthen performance management, regulatory review, and oversight practices to better align spending with measurable outcomes.”

On page 22, strike the paragraph entitled “Chacon Creek, TX” and insert the following:

“*Chacon Creek, TX.*—The Committee notes that the Corps has been engaged in partnership with the City of Laredo since 2004 to complete the Chacon Creek project and that section 403(b) of WRDA 2020 directed the Corps to produce a final assessment before moving forward with the project. The Corps is strongly encouraged to prioritize this project and include sufficient funding in future budget submissions. The Committee encourages the Corps to allow the project to proceed to Pre-Engineering and Design as recommended in the original Section 203 study to prioritize the wellbeing and economic opportunity of the surrounding community. The Corps is directed to provide to the Committee a detailed report within 60 days of the date of enactment of this Act outlining specific actions, timelines, and funding plans to ensure timely completion of the project.”

On page 34, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

“*Environmental Infrastructure, Southern West Virginia.*—The Committee is aware of water supply needs of the coalfield counties of southern West Virginia. The Committee notes the various environmental infrastructure authorities the Corps possesses which present opportunities to partner with publicly owned utilities for the design and construction of wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply, storage, treatment, and distribution facilities, environmental restoration, and surface water resource protection and development, such as section 340 of WRDA 1992 for projects in southern West Virginia. The Committee encourages the Corps to expeditiously complete ongoing projects under this authority and directs the Corps to communicate proactively with eligible public utilities in the region about opportunities to partner with the Corps, including providing technical assistance on project applications.”

On page 36, before the last paragraph, insert the following:

“The Committee is concerned about ongoing schedule instability and a lack of project-level clarity across the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) and SFER portfolio. Multiple projects have experienced significant schedule shifts between published Integrated Delivery Schedules (IDS), and recent allocations under supplemental Acts have not been accompanied by sufficient explanation of Federal versus state funding responsibilities. The Committee reminds the Corps to maintain all Everglades restoration projects on their published timelines and to ensure that adjustments occur only when fully justified and documented. The Committee further directs the Corps to provide clear, project-specific delineation of Federal and non-Federal funding, including construction, engineering, salaries, overhead, and any state-executed work undertaken pursuant to cost-share agreements.

*SFER, Broward County Water Preserve Area.*—The Committee remains deeply concerned by the significant schedule delays associated with the Broward County Water Preserve Area (BCWPA), a critical component of the SFER program. The Committee recognizes that BCWPA provides essential regional hydrologic benefits, including reducing seepage losses from Water Conservation Area 3, enhancing groundwater recharge, and supporting the reliability of water supply to one of the nation’s most populous metropolitan regions. The Committee directs the Corps to prioritize the Broward County Water Preserve Area within the SFER program and to ensure that previously planned progress is not further eroded by internal funding shifts or contracting decisions. Within 180 days of enactment of this Act, the Corps shall provide the Committee with a detailed report that explains the causes of delay between the 2022 IDS schedule and the 2026 Draft IDS for BCWPA, including funding availability, design readiness, sequencing with CEPP/EAA components, and workforce constraints; identifies the funding requirements needed to restore or accelerate BCWPA toward its earlier timeline; details the Corps’ plan to ensure BCWPA receives full and timely funding for all design and construction contracts necessary to avoid further schedule slippage; and summarizes actions needed from Federal, state, or local partners to maintain the schedule going forward. The Committee underscores that timely completion of

BCWPA is essential to realizing the full hydrologic and ecological benefits envisioned under CERP and expects the Corps to treat this project as a priority feature of the SFER program.”

On page 81, at the end of the paragraph entitled “Asset Management/Facilities Equipment Maintenance Program (FEM)”, after “effort” insert “and not less than \$5,000,000 shall be to demonstrate multi-material hybrid replacement-part approaches for repair and maintenance practices that will increase civil infrastructure intelligence”.

On page 82, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

*“Essex River, MA.—*The Committee notes the Town of Essex has been working to complete the process of dredging in the Essex River, with particular attention to the mouth of the River and to the Essex Harbor area of the River, farther upstream. The Corps is reminded that these activities are eligible to compete for the additional funding provided in this account.

*Fishing Creek, MD.—*The Committee recognizes the importance of Fishing Creek, reminds the Corps that this project is eligible to compete for the additional funding provided in this account, and encourages the Corps to include appropriate funding in future budget submissions. The Committee encourages the Corps, within available funds, to prioritize and expedite all necessary design and engineering phases and procurement activities related to the project to ensure the jetty repairs and maintenance dredging are carried out in a timely manner.”

On page 86, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

*“Dredging Costs.—*The Committee is aware of concerns regarding rising dredging costs and related strain placed on small ports and local governments. The Corps, in consultation with all relevant agencies, is directed to report to the Committee, no later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, on the key regulatory factors driving the increase in dredging costs. Furthermore, USACE is

encouraged to identify and implement any efficiencies that would mitigate rising dredging costs.”

On page 103, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

*“Rio Grande Valley Water Resources.—*The Committee directs Reclamation to provide to the Committee not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act a report on potential impacts of new large-load water users, including data centers, on the Rio Grande watershed over the next five years. The report shall include an evaluation of the levels of brackish water within the watershed, capacity for the brackish water to support new large-load water users in the watershed, and opportunities within Reclamation’s authorities to address the level of brackish water in the watershed to support such users, including desalination.”

On page 108, at the end of the paragraph entitled “Congressional Reporting Requirements”, insert the following:

“The Committee directs the Department to continue to provide a monthly base financial report within 30 days of the end of each month, including funding allocations, obligations, and costing. The report should include a narrative explanation of how funds are being allocated from Congressionally established budget controls into offices that were reorganized or newly created in the Organizational Realignment announced by the Department in November 2025. On a quarterly basis, the Department is directed provide a report on any deobligations associated with section 301(b)(1)(G).

The Committee directs the Department to ensure adequate staffing levels to facilitate American energy innovation and fulfill core competencies, including obligating annual funds appropriated by this Committee, conducting due diligence and oversight on DOE projects and awards, and meeting obligations to DOE’s awardees. The Committee directs the Department to provide a monthly report on Departmental staffing levels and hiring and retention plans, including a breakout by Departmental element of federal employees and the ratio of federal employees to contractors.

The Committee expects the Department to dedicate adequate resources to ensure timely engagement with its financial assistance awardees. The Department is directed to notify the Committee within at least three business days of missing a deadline for grant reimbursement as articulated under 2 CFR 200.305(b)(3).”

On page 109, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

*“Existing Enterprise Data Assets.—*Before investing in new data lakes, AI-specific repositories, or large-scale data aggregation environments, the Department shall assess and document whether existing enterprise data assets can meet validated mission and program needs. Such assessments shall include, as applicable, scientific research data, energy system and infrastructure data, national security and intelligence data, environmental and climate data, logistics and operational data, cyber data, archival holdings, and backup data maintained across the Department, including the National Laboratories and field elements.”

On page 111, before the heading “Energy Programs”, insert the following:

“The Committee directs the Department to submit a report not later than 180 days after enactment of this Act detailing how existing financial and technical assistance programs are being optimized to reduce energy costs. The report shall describe the evaluation criteria and performance metrics the Department plans to implement across applied energy programs to assess realized and sustained cost savings for end-users.”

On page 115, in the last sentence of the fourth full paragraph, after “supports” insert “all seven of”.

On page 119, strike the second full paragraph and insert the following:

“The Committee advises the Department to collaborate with interagency and intergovernmental partners to identify and mitigate potential impacts of data center development and data center operation on energy, water, grid reliability, transmission and distribution system constraints, and ratepayers. The Committee recommends that the Department support a diverse set of energy sources for power generation at data facilities. The Department is further directed to evaluate

technologies and operational strategies that increase the efficiency of energy and water use associated with data centers, including through improved thermal management, water conservation and reuse technologies, distributed energy resources, energy storage, waste heat recovery, and other grid supportive or grid independent solutions. The Committee further directs the Department collaborate with relevant organizations, to potentially include the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Commerce, state utility commissions, and others as appropriate, to ensure that this work reflects regional grid conditions, rural and low-income energy system challenges, local land and water use concerns, community-level economic impacts, and state-level regulatory considerations. Within 180 days of the date of enactment of this Act, the Department shall provide an update to the Committee on recommended actions to support grid modernization, enhance system resilience, and mitigate potential impacts including stress on ratepayers associated with data center load growth, particularly in rural, low-income, and agricultural communities.”

On page 134, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

“The Committee encourages the Department of Energy to review, test, and evaluate, and license alternative fuels such as thorium for use in microreactor technology.”

On page 141, at the end of the first paragraph, insert the following:

“Upon completion of the survey, the EIA is encouraged to make this data available to the public.”

On page 141, at the appropriate place under the header “Non-Defense Environmental Cleanup”, insert the following:

“*Brookhaven National Laboratory.*—The Committee recognizes the importance of addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), 1, 4-Dioxane, contamination at the Brookhaven National Laboratory. The Committee

directs Environmental Management to coordinate with the Office of Science to provide a briefing no later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act on the long-term plan for addressing contamination at the Brookhaven National Laboratory.”

On page 155, at the end of the first paragraph, insert the following:

“The Committee supports the increased deployment of enrichment capacity using both the Domestic Uranium Enrichment Centrifuge Experiment (DUECE) and AC100 centrifuges. The Committee encourages NNSA to reduce supply chain risk by strengthening domestic manufacturing capacity for specialized components for centrifuge qualification and production.”

On page 162, at the appropriate place, insert the following:

“FERC is directed to brief the Committee not later than 90 days after enactment of this Act on an inventory and status of FERC’s final decision of complaints filed by outside parties within the last 10 years.”