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To encourage Federal agencies to expeditiously enter into or amend cooperative agreements with States for removal and remedial actions to address PFAS contamination in drinking, surface, and ground water and land surface and subsurface strata, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. WALBERG, and Mr. KILDEE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "PFAS Accountability
- 5 Act of 2019".

1	SEC. 2. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS WITH STATES FOR RE-
2	MOVAL AND REMEDIAL ACTIONS TO AD-
3	DRESS DRINKING, SURFACE, AND GROUND
4	WATER AND SOIL CONTAMINATION FROM
5	PFAS.
6	(a) Definitions.—In this section:
7	(1) Federal facility.—
8	(A) IN GENERAL.—The term "Federal fa-
9	cility" means a facility (as defined in section
10	101 of the Comprehensive Environmental Re-
11	sponse, Compensation, and Liability Act of
12	1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601)) that is owned or oper-
13	ated by the Federal Government.
14	(B) Inclusion.—The term "Federal facil-
15	ity" includes—
16	(i) a facility or site—
17	(I) owned by, leased to, or other-
18	wise possessed by the United States;
19	or
20	(II) under the jurisdiction of the
21	Secretary of Defense;
22	(ii) a facility or site that, at the time
23	of the actions leading to contamination or
24	suspected contamination of drinking water,
25	surface water, or groundwater or land sur-

1	face or subsurface strata from a perfluori-
2	nated compound, was—
3	(I) owned by, leased to, or other-
4	wise possessed by the United States;
5	or
6	(II) under the jurisdiction of the
7	Secretary of Defense; and
8	(iii) land owned and operated by a
9	State when the land is used for training
10	the National Guard pursuant to chapter 5
11	of title 32, United States Code, with funds
12	provided by the Secretary of Defense or
13	the Secretary of a military department,
14	even though that land is not under the ju-
15	risdiction of the Secretary of Defense.
16	(2) Fully fluorinated carbon atom.—The
17	term "fully fluorinated carbon atom" means a car-
18	bon atom on which all the hydrogen substituents
19	have been replaced by fluorine.
20	(3) Perfluorinated compound.—The term
21	"perfluorinated compound" means a perfluoroalkyl
22	substance or a polyfluoroalkyl substance (or
23	"PFAS") that is manmade with at least 1 fully
24	fluorinated carbon atom.

1 (4) STATE.—The term "State" has the mean-2 ing given the term in section 101 of the Comprehen-3 sive Environmental Response, Compensation, and 4 Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601).

(b) Cooperative Agreement.—

- (1) In general.—On request by the Governor or chief executive of a State, a Federal department or agency shall work expeditiously to finalize a cooperative agreement for, or to amend an existing cooperative agreement to address, testing, monitoring, removal, and remedial actions to address contamination or suspected contamination of drinking water, surface water, or groundwater or land surface or subsurface strata from a perfluorinated compound originating from a Federal facility.
- (2) MINIMUM STANDARDS.—A cooperative agreement finalized or amended under paragraph (1) shall require the area subject to the cooperative agreement to meet or exceed the most stringent of the following standards for perfluorinated compounds in any environmental media:
 - (A) An enforceable State standard, in effect in that State, for drinking water, surface water, or groundwater or land surface or subsurface strata, as required under section 121(d)

1	of the Comprehensive Environmental Response,
2	Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42
3	U.S.C. 9621(d)).
4	(B) A health advisory under section
5	1412(b)(1)(F) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
6	(42 U.S.C. 300g-1(b)(1)(F)).
7	(C) Any Federal standard, requirement,
8	criterion, or limit, including a standard, re-
9	quirement, criterion, or limit issued under—
10	(i) the Toxic Substances Control Act
11	(15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.);
12	(ii) the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
13	U.S.C. 300f et seq.);
14	(iii) the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.
15	7401 et seq.);
16	(iv) the Federal Water Pollution Con-
17	trol Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.);
18	(v) the Marine Protection, Research,
19	and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (commonly
20	known as the "Ocean Dumping Act") (33
21	U.S.C. 1401 et seq.); or
22	(vi) the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42
23	U.S.C. 6901 et seq.).
24	(3) Other authority.—In addition to the re-
25	quirements for a cooperative agreement under para-

1	graph (1), when otherwise authorized to expend
2	funds for the purpose of addressing ground or sur-
3	face water contaminated by a perfluorinated com-
4	pound, the head of a Federal department or agency
5	may, to expend those funds, enter into a grant
6	agreement, cooperative agreement, or contract
7	with—
8	(A) the local water authority with jurisdic-
9	tion over the contamination site, including—
10	(i) a public water system (as defined
11	in section 1401 of the Safe Drinking
12	Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f)); and
13	(ii) a publicly owned treatment works
14	(as defined in section 212 of the Federal
15	Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
16	1292)); or
17	(B) a State, local, or Tribal government.
18	(c) Notification Requirement.—
19	(1) Definition of appropriate congres-
20	SIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this subsection, the term
21	"appropriate congressional committees" means—
22	(A) the Committee on Environment and
23	Public Works of the Senate;
24	(B) the Committee on Homeland Security
25	and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;

1	(C) the Committee on Energy and Com-
2	merce of the House of Representatives; and
3	(D) the Committee on Oversight and Re-
4	form of the House of Representatives.
5	(2) Report.—
6	(A) In general.—If a cooperative agree-
7	ment is not finalized or amended under sub-
8	section (b) by the date that is 1 year after the
9	date on which a request by the Governor or
10	chief executive of a State was made, the Presi-
11	dent shall submit a report described in subpara-
12	graph (B) to—
13	(i) the appropriate congressional com-
14	mittees;
15	(ii) each Senator from the State af-
16	fected by the perfluorinated compound con-
17	tamination; and
18	(iii) each member of Congress that
19	represents a district affected by the per-
20	fluorinated compound contamination.
21	(B) Report Described.—The report re-
22	ferred to in subparagraph (A) shall include—
23	(i) a detailed explanation of why a co-
24	operative agreement has not been finalized
25	or amended, as applicable; and

1	(ii) a projected timeline for finalizing
2	or amending a cooperative agreement, as
3	applicable.

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