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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 4, 2001

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. REID) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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. MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL FOR CHRO-**  
4 **MIUM–6.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1412(b)(12) of the Safe  
6 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300g–1(b)(12)) is amend-  
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(C) CHROMIUM–6.—

1           “(i) DECLARATION OF CHROMIUM-6  
2 AS CONTAMINANT.—Congress declares that  
3 chromium-6 is a contaminant subject to  
4 regulation under this title.

5           “(ii) STUDY.—

6               “(I) IN GENERAL.—Not later  
7 than 30 days after the date of enact-  
8 ment of this subparagraph, the Ad-  
9 ministrator shall enter into a contract  
10 with the National Academy of  
11 Sciences under which the National  
12 Academy of Sciences, not later than 1  
13 year after the date of enactment of  
14 this subparagraph, shall complete a  
15 study to determine, and shall rec-  
16 ommend to the Administrator, an ap-  
17 propriate maximum contaminant level  
18 goal for chromium-6.

19               “(II) ESTABLISHMENT OF  
20 MCL.—Not later than 30 days after  
21 the date on which the Administrator  
22 receives the recommendation of the  
23 National Academy of Sciences under  
24 subclause (I), the Administrator shall  
25 establish a maximum contaminant

1 level for chromium-6 at a level con-  
2 sistent with that recommendation.

3 “(III) REPORT.—Not later than  
4 30 days after the date on which the  
5 Administrator receives the rec-  
6 ommendation of the National Acad-  
7 emy of Sciences under subclause (I),  
8 the Administrator shall submit to  
9 Congress a report that describes the  
10 results of the study.

11 “(iii) APPLICABILITY OF OTHER  
12 LAW.—Chapter 7, and subchapter II of  
13 chapter 5, of title 5, United States Code,  
14 shall not apply to any action of the Admin-  
15 istrator under this clause.

16 “(iv) REGULATION.—On and after the  
17 date of completion of the study under  
18 clause (ii), the Administrator shall regulate  
19 chromium-6 as an inorganic contaminant  
20 in accordance with part 141 of title 40,  
21 Code of Federal Regulations (or a suc-  
22 cessor regulation).”.

23 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
24 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–

1 12) is amended by striking subsection (m) and inserting  
 2 the following:

3 “(m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be  
 5 appropriated to carry out this section, to remain  
 6 available until expended—

7 “(A) \$599,000,000 for fiscal year 1994;

8 and

9 “(B) \$1,000,000,000 for each of fiscal  
 10 years 1995 through 2005.

11 “(2) SUBSEQUENT AUTHORIZATIONS.—To the  
 12 extent that any amount authorized to be appro-  
 13 priated under this subsection for any fiscal year is  
 14 not appropriated for the fiscal year, the amount—

15 “(A) is authorized to be appropriated in  
 16 any subsequent fiscal year before fiscal year  
 17 2004; and

18 “(B) shall remain available until expended.

19 “(3) CHROMIUM-6 COMPLIANCE.—Of the funds  
 20 made available under paragraph (1)(B) for each of  
 21 fiscal years 2002 through 2005, such sums as are  
 22 necessary shall be made available to the Adminis-  
 23 trator to provide grants in accordance with this sec-  
 24 tion to States and community water systems for use

1       in carrying out activities to comply with section  
2       1412(b)(12)(C).”.

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