

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4495

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to extend by two years the date by which small public water systems must comply with the maximum contaminant level for arsenic in drinking water.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2005

Mr. RENZI (for himself, Mr. SIMPSON, and Mr. OTTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Rural Communities  
5       Water Relief Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF DATE FOR COMPLIANCE BY SMALL**  
2 **PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS WITH MCL FOR AR-**  
3 **SENIC IN DRINKING WATER.**

4 (a) EXTENSION.—The Administrator of the Environ-  
5 mental Protection Agency shall, with respect to small pub-  
6 lic water systems, extend from January 23, 2006, to Janu-  
7 ary 23, 2008, the effective date provided in paragraph (j)  
8 of section 141.6, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-  
9 cessor regulation), for compliance with—

10 (1) the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for  
11 arsenic in drinking water of 0.010 mg/L (10  
12 micrograms per Liter); and

13 (2) the related requirements specified in such  
14 paragraph.

15 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

16 (1) The term “small public water system”  
17 means a public water system that serves a commu-  
18 nity with a population of not more than 65,000 indi-  
19 viduals.

20 (2) The term “public water system” has the  
21 meaning given to that term in section 1401 of the  
22 Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f).

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