

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2054

AN ACT

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study
of water resources in the State of Vermont.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. VERMONT WATER RESOURCES STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior, act-
3 ing through the Director of the United States Geological
4 Survey and in coordination with the State of Vermont,
5 shall, in accordance with this Act and any other applicable
6 law, conduct a study of water resources in the State of
7 Vermont, including—

8 (1) a survey of—

9 (A) with respect to groundwater—

10 (i) supplies, including aquifers, that
11 are available for potable use by municipali-
12 ties in the State; and

13 (ii) availability, potability, potential to
14 recharge, and interaction with surface
15 water; and

16 (B) potential future water supply sources;

17 and

18 (2) a characterization of surface and bedrock
19 geology, including the effect of that geology on
20 groundwater yield and quality.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
22 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
23 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
24 Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of
25 Representatives a report describing the results of the
26 study.

1 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-
3 essary to carry out this section.

4 **SEC. 2. OFFSET.**

5 Section 201(a) of the Water Resources Development
6 Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–662; 100 Stat. 4090) is
7 amended in the undesignated paragraph under the head-
8 ing “NORFOLK HARBOR AND CHANNELS, VIRGINIA” by
9 striking “\$551,000,000, with an estimated first Federal
10 cost of \$256,000,000” and inserting “\$545,000,000, with
11 an estimated first Federal cost of \$250,000,000”.

Passed the Senate December 7, 2006.

Attest:

Secretary.

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