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S. 3466

To require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 9, 2010

Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JUNE 24, 2010

Reported by Mr. LEAHY, with an amendment

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A BILL

- To require restitution for victims of criminal violations of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and for other purposes.
 - 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 "Environmental Crimes

5 Enforcement Act of 2010".

1 SEC. 2. ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES.

2 (a) SENTENCING GUIDELINES.—

3 DIRECTIVE.—Pursuant to its authority (1)4 under section 994 of title 28, United States Code, 5 and in accordance with this subsection, the United 6 States Sentencing Commission shall review and 7 amend the Federal Sentencing Guidelines and policy 8 statements applicable to persons convicted of of-9 fenses under the Federal Water Pollution Control 10 Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), in order to reflect the 11 intent of Congress that penalties for the offenses be 12 increased in comparison to those provided on the 13 date of enactment of this Act under the guidelines 14 and policy statements, and appropriately account for 15 the actual harm to the public and the environment 16 from the offenses.

17 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In amending the Federal
18 Sentencing Guidelines and policy statements under
19 paragraph (1), the United States Sentencing Com20 mission shall—

21 (A) ensure that the guidelines and policy
22 statements, including section 2Q1.2 of the Fed23 eral Sentencing Guidelines (and any successor
24 thereto), reflect—

25 (i) the serious nature of the offenses26 described in paragraph (1);

1	(ii) the need for an effective deterrent
2	and appropriate punishment to prevent the
3	offenses; and
4	(iii) the effectiveness of incarceration
5	in furthering the objectives described in
6	clauses (i) and (ii);
7	(B) consider the extent to which the guide-
8	lines appropriately account for the actual harm
9	to public and the environment resulting from
10	the offenses;
11	(C) ensure reasonable consistency with
12	other relevant directives and guidelines and
13	Federal statutes;
14	(D) make any necessary conforming
15	changes to guidelines; and
16	(E) ensure that the guidelines relating to
17	offenses under the Federal Water Pollution
18	Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) ade-
19	quately meet the purposes of sentencing, as set
20	forth in section 3553(a)(2) of title 18, United
21	States Code.
22	(b) RESTITUTION.—Section 3663A(c)(1) of title 18,
23	United States Code, is amended—
24	(1) in clause (ii), by striking "or" at the end;

1	(2) in clause (iii), by striking "and" at the end
2	and inserting "or"; and
3	(3) by adding at the end the following:
4	"(iv) an offense under the Federal Water
5	Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et
6	seq.)section 309(c) of the Federal Water Pollu-
7	tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1319(c)); and".

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