

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of title III of division G, add the following subtitle:

1 Subtitle E—Ohio River Basin

2 SEC. 33501. INTERAGENCY PLAN.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Army,
5 acting through the Chief of Engineers, in coordination
6 with the head of each agency described in subsection (d),
7 shall develop and issue an interagency plan for the agen-
8 cies described in subsection (d) to assist States, Indian
9 tribes, and communities in the Ohio River Basin in pre-
10 paring for, and responding to, the effects of climate
11 change, including by—

12 (1) informing such States, Indian tribes, and
13 communities of existing Federal resources available
14 to such States, Indian tribes, and communities,
15 based on the analysis described in subsection (b)(2);
16 and

17 (2) providing assistance through the Environ-
18 mental Protection Agency’s Smart Growth Program,

1 the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Pre-
2 Disaster Mitigation Grant Program, the Department
3 of Housing and Urban Development's Community
4 Development Block Grant program, the Economic
5 Development Administration of the Department of
6 Commerce, and the Department of Agriculture, to
7 such States, Indian tribes, and communities to help
8 them prepare for extreme weather, major floods, ris-
9 ing temperatures, and potential economic losses
10 from such threats.

11 (b) DEVELOPMENT.—In developing the interagency
12 plan under subsection (a), Secretary of the Army, acting
13 through the Chief of Engineers, in coordination with the
14 head of each agency described in subsection (d), shall—

15 (1) consult with States, Indian tribes, and com-
16 munities in the Ohio River Basin that may be af-
17 fected by climate change; and

18 (2) include in such interagency plan—

19 (A) identification of the particular needs of
20 such States, Indian tribes, and communities in
21 order for such States, Indian tribes, and com-
22 munities to adequately prepare for, and respond
23 to, the effects of climate change; and

24 (B) an analysis of—

1 (i) the availability of existing and po-
2 tential Federal resources, including pro-
3 grams, grants, loans, and other assistance,
4 that the agencies described in subsection
5 (d) may provide to assist States, Indian
6 tribes, and communities in the Ohio River
7 Basin in preparing for, and responding to,
8 the effects of climate change (including as-
9 sistance in building or modernizing infra-
10 structure), including—

11 (I) Corps of Engineers resources
12 related to—

13 (aa) modernizing and hard-
14 ening levees, floodwalls, and flood
15 control projects for more extreme
16 weather flooding events;

17 (bb) restoring wetlands so
18 that such wetlands may absorb
19 rain;

20 (cc) reconnecting floodplains
21 to rivers in order to allow for
22 natural flood storage;

23 (dd) developing a basin-wide
24 water management plan, in col-
25 laboration with the Department

1 of Agriculture, Tennessee Valley
2 Authority, and water manage-
3 ment agencies of the States in
4 the Ohio River Basin; and

5 (ee) updating and modern-
6 izing operations manuals for
7 dams and reservoirs operated by
8 the Corps of Engineers to ac-
9 count for future water risks, pre-
10 cipitation, flow patterns, and
11 usage;

12 (II) Environmental Protection
13 Agency resources and Department of
14 Agriculture resources related to mod-
15 ernizing drinking water and waste-
16 water treatment and stormwater man-
17 agement;

18 (III) Department of Transpor-
19 tation resources related to raising or
20 hardening critical transportation in-
21 frastructure that may be vulnerable to
22 flooding;

23 (IV) United States Geological
24 Survey resources and Environmental
25 Protection Agency resources related to

1 water quality and flow discharge mon-
2 itoring and modeling; and

3 (V) Federal Emergency Manage-
4 ment Agency resources related to up-
5 dating and modernizing flood hazard
6 maps to incorporate the latest science
7 and future risk projections; and

8 (ii) the limitations of existing Federal
9 resources that the agencies described in
10 subsection (d) may so provide, including—

11 (I) the limitations of such re-
12 sources in meeting the particular
13 needs of such States, Indian tribes,
14 and communities identified under sub-
15 paragraph (A); and

16 (II) recommendations—

17 (aa) for Congress regarding
18 any statutory changes regarding
19 existing Federal programs, or ad-
20 ditional Federal funding, that the
21 agencies determine are necessary
22 to assist such States, Indian
23 tribes, and communities in pre-
24 paring for, and responding to,
25 the effects of climate change; and

1 (bb) for additional Federal,
2 State, and local resources that
3 the agencies determine are nec-
4 essary to so assist such States,
5 Indian tribes, and communities.

6 (c) PUBLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION.—

7 (1) PUBLICATION.—Upon issuance of the inter-
8 agency plan developed under subsection (a), the plan
9 shall be published on the public internet website
10 of—

11 (A) the Environmental Protection Agency;

12 (B) the Assistant Secretary of the Army
13 for Civil Works; and

14 (C) the Great Lakes and Ohio River Divi-
15 sion of the Corps of Engineers.

16 (2) DEADLINE.—Not later than 30 days after
17 the interagency plan developed under subsection (a)
18 is issued, each head of an agency described in sub-
19 section (d) shall implement such interagency plan.

20 (3) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—In implementing
21 the interagency plan developed under subsection (a),
22 the heads of the agencies described in subsection (d)
23 shall provide technical assistance and expertise to
24 States, Indian tribes, and communities in the Ohio
25 River Basin.

1 (d) AGENCIES DESCRIBED.—The agencies described
2 in this subsection are as follows:

3 (1) The Corps of Engineers.

4 (2) The Environmental Protection Agency.

5 (3) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-
6 ministration.

7 (4) The Department of the Interior.

8 (5) The Department of Agriculture.

9 (6) The Department of Transportation.

10 (7) The Federal Emergency Management Agen-
11 cy.

12 (8) The United States Geological Survey.

13 (9) The Department of Housing and Urban De-
14 velopment.

15 (10) The Department of Commerce.

16 **SEC. 33502. REPORT ON IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON**
17 **ELECTRIC UTILITIES.**

18 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
19 of this Act, the Secretary of Energy shall publish, on the
20 public internet website of the Department of Energy, a
21 report that includes—

22 (1) an analysis of—

23 (A) the potential vulnerabilities of electric
24 utilities that are located in, or serve electric

1 consumers in, the Ohio River Basin, to climate
2 change and extreme weather; and

3 (B) the impacts of climate change and ex-
4 treme weather on such electric utilities; and

5 (2) recommendations and technical assistance,
6 as appropriate, to assist such electric utilities in pre-
7 paring for climate change and extreme weather.

8 **SEC. 33503. DEFINITION.**

9 In this subtitle, the term “Ohio River Basin” means
10 the Ohio River Basin as identified in the Corps of Engi-
11 neers’ study titled “Ohio River Basin-Formulating Cli-
12 mate Change Mitigation/Adaptation Strategies through
13 Regional Collaboration with the ORB Alliance” (May
14 2017).

