

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO THE COMMITTEE
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OFFERED BY MR. ROUZER OF NORTH
CAROLINA**

At the appropriate place in the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 11 ____ . EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND**
2 **STUDY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds made available
4 by this Act may be used until the public comment period
5 for the proposed rule titled “Notice of Public Meetings Re-
6 garding ‘Waters of the United States’; Establishment of
7 a Public Docket; Request for Recommendations”, pub-
8 lished by the Department of the Army and the Environ-
9 mental Protection Agency on August 4, 2021 (86 Fed.
10 Reg. 41911), is extended by 60 days.

11 (b) APPROPRIATION.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts oth-
13 erwise available, there is appropriated to the Depart-
14 ment of the Army and the Environmental Protection
15 Agency, out of any money in the Treasury not other-
16 wise appropriated, \$5,000,000, for the Secretary of

1 the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers,
2 and the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-
3 tion Agency to conduct a study analyzing the cost to
4 permit applicants of complying with sections 402
5 and 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
6 (33 U.S.C. 1342 and 1344) not later than 1 year
7 after the date of enactment of this section.

8 (2) CONTENTS OF STUDY.—The study required
9 under paragraph (1) shall include an analysis of—

10 (A) the total cost to all permit applicants
11 of complying with sections 402 and 404 of the
12 Federal Water Pollution Control Act;

13 (B) the average cost to a permit applicant
14 of complying with such sections; and

15 (C) the cost to permit applicants of com-
16 plying with such sections based on the type of
17 applicant and the economic sector to which such
18 applicant belongs.

