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To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

JUNE 18, 2003

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DEWINE, and Mr. SCHUMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

NOVEMBER 3, 2003

Reported by Mr. INHOFE, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Disaster Area Health  
3 and Environmental Monitoring Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROTECTION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY OF INDIVID-**  
5 **UALS IN A DISASTER AREA.**

6 Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
7 Emergency Assistance Act is amended by inserting after  
8 section 408 (42 U.S.C. 5174) the following:

9 **“SEC. 409. PROTECTION OF HEALTH AND SAFETY OF INDI-**  
10 **VIDUALS IN A DISASTER AREA.**

11 “(a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

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13 cludes—

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17 “(ii) a firefighter;

18 “(iii) an emergency medical techni-  
19 cian;

20 “(iv) any participating member of an  
21 urban search and rescue team; and

22 “(v) any other relief or rescue worker  
23 or volunteer that the President determines  
24 to be appropriate;

25 “(B) a worker who responds to a disaster  
26 by assisting in the cleanup or restoration of

1 critical infrastructure in and around a disaster  
2 area;

3 “(C) a person whose place of residence is  
4 in a disaster area;

5 “(D) a person who is employed in or at-  
6 tends school, child care, or adult day care in a  
7 building located in a disaster area; and

8 “(E) any other person that the President  
9 determines to be appropriate.

10 “(2) PROGRAM.—The term ‘program’ means a  
11 program described in subsection (b) that is carried  
12 out for a disaster area.

13 “(3) SUBSTANCE OF CONCERN.—The term  
14 ‘substance of concern’ means any chemical or sub-  
15 stance associated with potential acute or chronic  
16 human health effects, the risk of exposure to which  
17 could potentially be increased as the result of a dis-  
18 aster.

19 “(b) PROGRAM.—

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22 have been, released in an area declared to be a dis-  
23 aster area under this Act, the President may carry  
24 out a program for the protection, assessment, moni-

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5               health impacts of the substance of concern and  
6               potential mental health impacts in a timely  
7               manner;

8               “(B) the individuals are monitored and  
9               studied over time, including through baseline  
10              and follow-up clinical health examinations;  
11              for—

12                      “(i) any short- and long-term health  
13                      impacts of any substance of concern; and

14                      “(ii) any mental health impacts;

15               “(C) the individuals receive health care re-  
16               ferrals as needed and appropriate; and

17               “(D) information from any such moni-  
18               toring and studies is used to prevent or protect  
19               against similar health impacts from future dis-  
20               asters.

21               “(2) ACTIVITIES.—A program under paragraph  
22       (1) may include such activities as—

23               “(A) collecting and analyzing environ-  
24               mental exposure data;

1           “(B) developing and disseminating infor-  
2 mation and educational materials;

3           “(C) performing baseline and follow-up  
4 clinical health and mental health examinations  
5 and taking biological samples;

6           “(D) establishing and maintaining an ex-  
7 posure registry;

8           “(E) studying the long-term human health  
9 impacts of any exposures through epidemiolog-  
10 ical and other health studies; and

11           “(F) providing assistance to individuals in  
12 determining eligibility for health coverage and  
13 identifying appropriate health services.

14           “(3) TIMING.—To the maximum extent prac-  
15 ticable, a program under paragraph (1) shall be es-  
16 tablished, and activities under the program shall be  
17 commenced (including baseline health examinations),  
18 in a timely manner that will ensure the highest level  
19 of public health protection and effective monitoring.

20           “(4) PARTICIPATION IN REGISTRIES AND STUD-  
21 DIES.—

22           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Participation in any  
23 registry or study that is part of a program  
24 under paragraph (1) shall be voluntary.

1           “(B) PROTECTION OF PRIVACY.—The  
2           President shall take appropriate measures to  
3           protect the privacy of any participant in a reg-  
4           istry or study described in subparagraph (A).

5           “(5) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—The Presi-  
6           dent may carry out a program under paragraph (1)  
7           through a cooperative agreement with a medical in-  
8           stitution, or a consortium of medical institutions,  
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12           unteered in response to the disaster in the dis-  
13           aster area, with respect to which the program  
14           is carried out; and

15           “(B) experienced in the area of environ-  
16           mental or occupational health, toxicology, and  
17           safety, including experience in—

18           “(i) developing clinical protocols and  
19           conducting clinical health examinations, in-  
20           cluding mental health assessments;

21           “(ii) conducting long-term health  
22           monitoring and epidemiological studies;

23           “(iii) conducting long-term mental  
24           health studies; and

1           “(iv) establishing and maintaining  
2           medical surveillance programs and environ-  
3           mental exposure or disease registries.

4           “(6) INVOLVEMENT.—

5           “(A) IN GENERAL.—In establishing and  
6           maintaining a program under paragraph (1),  
7           the President shall ensure the involvement of  
8           interested and affected parties, as appropriate,  
9           including representatives of—

10           “(i) Federal, State, and local govern-  
11           ment agencies;

12           “(ii) labor organizations;

13           “(iii) local residents, businesses, and  
14           schools (including parents and teachers);

15           “(iv) health care providers; and

16           “(v) other organizations and persons.

17           “(B) COMMITTEES.—Involvement under  
18           subparagraph (A) may be provided through the  
19           establishment of an advisory or oversight com-  
20           mittee or board.

21           “(e) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the es-  
22           tablishment of a program under subsection (b)(1), and  
23           every 5 years thereafter, the President, or the medical in-  
24           stitution or consortium of such institutions having entered  
25           into a cooperative agreement under subsection (b)(5);

1 shall submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the  
 2 Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary  
 3 of Labor, the Administrator of the Environmental Protec-  
 4 tion Agency, and appropriate committees of Congress a  
 5 report on programs and studies carried out under the pro-  
 6 gram.”.

7 **SEC. 3. BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON DISASTER AREA HEALTH**  
 8 **PROTECTION AND MONITORING.**

9 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 60 days after  
 10 the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of  
 11 Homeland Security, the Secretary of Health and Human  
 12 Services, and the Administrator of the Environmental  
 13 Protection Agency shall jointly establish a Blue Ribbon  
 14 Panel on Disaster Area Health Protection and Monitoring  
 15 (referred to in this section as the “Panel”).

16 (b) **MEMBERSHIP.**—

17 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Panel shall be composed  
 18 of—

19 (A) 15 voting members, to be appointed by  
 20 the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Sec-  
 21 retary of Health and Human Services, and the  
 22 Administrator of the Environmental Protection  
 23 Agency in accordance with paragraph (2); and

24 (B) officers or employees of the Depart-  
 25 ment of Health and Human Services, the De-

1           partment of Homeland Security, the Environ-  
2           mental Protection Agency, and other Federal  
3           agencies, as appropriate, to be appointed by the  
4           Secretary of Health and Human Services, the  
5           Secretary of Homeland Security, and the Ad-  
6           ministrator of the Environmental Protection  
7           Agency as nonvoting, ex officio members of the  
8           Panel.

9           ~~(2) BACKGROUND AND EXPERTISE.~~—The vot-  
10          ing members of the Panel shall be individuals who—

11                 (A) are not officers or employees of the  
12                 Federal Government; and

13                 (B) have expertise in—

14                         (i) environmental health, safety, and  
15                         medicine;

16                         (ii) occupational health, safety, and  
17                         medicine;

18                         (iii) clinical medicine, including pedi-  
19                         atrics;

20                         (iv) toxicology;

21                         (v) epidemiology;

22                         (vi) mental health;

23                         (vii) medical monitoring and surveil-  
24                         lance;

- 1                   (viii) environmental monitoring and  
2 surveillance;
- 3                   (ix) environmental and industrial hy-  
4 giene;
- 5                   (x) emergency planning and prepared-  
6 ness;
- 7                   (xi) public outreach and education;
- 8                   (xii) State and local health depart-  
9 ments;
- 10                  (xiii) State and local environmental  
11 protection departments;
- 12                  (xiv) functions of workers that re-  
13 spond to disasters, including first respond-  
14 ers; and
- 15                  (xv) public health and family services.

16 (e) DUTIES.—

17               (1) IN GENERAL.—The Panel shall provide ad-  
18 vice and recommendations regarding protecting and  
19 monitoring the health and safety of individuals po-  
20 tentially exposed to any chemical or substance asso-  
21 ciated with potential acute or chronic human health  
22 effects as the result of a disaster, including advice  
23 and recommendations regarding—

24                   (A) the implementation of programs under  
25 section 409 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster

1 Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (as added  
2 by section 2); and

3 (B) the establishment of protocols for the  
4 monitoring of and response to releases of sub-  
5 stances of concern (as defined in section 409(a)  
6 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and  
7 Emergency Assistance Act (as added by section  
8 2)) in a disaster area for the purpose of pro-  
9 tecting public health and safety, including—

10 (i) those substances of concern for  
11 which samples should be collected in the  
12 event of a disaster, including a terrorist at-  
13 tack;

14 (ii) chemical-specific methods of sam-  
15 ple collection, including sampling meth-  
16 odologies and locations;

17 (iii) chemical-specific methods of sam-  
18 ple analysis;

19 (iv) health-based threshold levels to be  
20 used and response actions to be taken in  
21 the event that thresholds are exceeded for  
22 individual chemicals or substances;

23 (v) procedures for providing moni-  
24 toring results to—

1                   (I) appropriate Federal, State,  
2                   and local government agencies;

3                   (II) appropriate response per-  
4                   sonnel; and

5                   (III) the public;

6                   (vi) responsibilities of Federal, State  
7                   and local agencies for—

8                   (I) collecting and analyzing sam-  
9                   ples;

10                  (II) reporting results; and

11                  (III) taking appropriate response  
12                  actions; and

13                  (vii) capabilities and capacity within  
14                  the Federal Government to conduct appro-  
15                  priate environmental monitoring and re-  
16                  sponse in the event of a disaster, including  
17                  a terrorist attack; and

18                  (C) other issues as specified by the Sec-  
19                  retary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of  
20                  Health and Human Services, and the Adminis-  
21                  trator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

22                  (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
23                  date of establishment of the Panel, the Panel shall  
24                  submit to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the  
25                  Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the

1 Administrator of the Environmental Protection  
2 Agency a report of the findings and recommenda-  
3 tions of the Panel under this section, including rec-  
4 ommendations for such legislative and administrative  
5 actions as the Panel considers to be appropriate.

6 (d) POWERS.—

7 (1) HEARINGS.—The Panel may hold such  
8 hearings, sit and act at such times and places, take  
9 such testimony, and receive such evidence as the  
10 Panel considers necessary to carry out this section.

11 (2) INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES.—

12 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Panel may secure  
13 directly from any Federal department or agency  
14 such information as the Panel considers nec-  
15 essary to carry out this section.

16 (B) FURNISHING OF INFORMATION.—On

17 request of the Panel, the head of the depart-  
18 ment or agency shall furnish the information to  
19 the Panel.

20 (3) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Panel may use the  
21 United States mails in the same manner and under  
22 the same conditions as other departments and agen-  
23 cies of the Federal Government.

24 (e) PERSONNEL.—

1           (1) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—The members of the  
2 Panel shall not receive compensation for the per-  
3 formance of services for the Panel, but shall be al-  
4 lowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of  
5 subsistence, at rates authorized for employees of  
6 agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,  
7 United States Code, while away from their homes or  
8 regular places of business in the performance of  
9 services for the Panel.

10           (2) VOLUNTARY AND UNCOMPENSATED SERV-  
11 ICES.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31,  
12 United States Code, the Secretary may accept the  
13 voluntary and uncompensated services of members of  
14 the Panel.

15           (3) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—  
16 Any Federal Government employee may be detailed  
17 to the Panel without reimbursement, and such detail  
18 shall be without interruption or loss of civil service  
19 status or privilege.

20           (4) STAFF, INFORMATION, AND OTHER ASSIST-  
21 ANCE.—The Secretary of Homeland Security, the  
22 Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the  
23 Administrator of the Environmental Protection  
24 Agency shall provide to the Panel such staff, infor-

1        mation, and other assistance as may be necessary to  
 2        carry out the duties of the Panel.

3        (f) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There  
 4        are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are nec-  
 5        essary to carry out this section.

6        (g) **TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**—This section, the  
 7        authority provided under this section, and the Panel shall  
 8        terminate on the date that is 18 months after the date  
 9        of enactment of this Act.

10    **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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 12        *and Environmental Monitoring Act of 2003”.*

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18 *and followup clinical health examinations, for—*

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13          “(D) establishing and maintaining an expo-  
14          sure registry;

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19          determining eligibility for health coverage and  
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11       *study described in subparagraph (A).*

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16       *institution or a consortium of medical institu-*  
17       *tions.*

18               “(B) *SELECTION CRITERIA.—To the max-*  
19       *imum extent practicable, the President shall se-*  
20       *lect to carry out a program under paragraph (1)*  
21       *a medical institution or a consortium of medical*  
22       *institutions that—*

23               “(i) *is located near—*

1                   “(I) the disaster area with respect  
2                   to which the program is carried out;  
3                   and

4                   “(II) any other area in which  
5                   there reside groups of individuals that  
6                   worked or volunteered in response to  
7                   the disaster; and

8                   “(ii) has appropriate experience in the  
9                   areas of environmental or occupational  
10                  health, toxicology, and safety, including ex-  
11                  perience in—

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22                  ing medical surveillance programs and  
23                  environmental exposure or disease reg-  
24                  istries.

25                  “(6) INVOLVEMENT.—

1           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*In establishing and*  
2           *maintaining a program under paragraph (1),*  
3           *the President shall involve interested and affected*  
4           *parties, as appropriate, including representatives*  
5           *of—*

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7                     *ment agencies;*

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24           *to the Secretary of Homeland Security, the Secretary of*  
25           *Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, the*

1 *Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency,*  
 2 *and appropriate committees of Congress a report on pro-*  
 3 *grams and studies carried out under the program.”.*

4 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES REPORT ON DIS-**  
 5 **ASTER AREA HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL**  
 6 **PROTECTION AND MONITORING.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of Homeland Secu-*  
 8 *rity, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the*  
 9 *Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency*  
 10 *shall jointly enter into a contract with the National Acad-*  
 11 *emy of Sciences to conduct a study and prepare a report*  
 12 *on disaster area health and environmental protection and*  
 13 *monitoring.*

14 (b) *EXPERTISE.*—*The report under subsection (a) shall*  
 15 *be prepared with the participation of individuals who have*  
 16 *expertise in—*

17 (1) *environmental health, safety, and medicine;*

18 (2) *occupational health, safety, and medicine;*

19 (3) *clinical medicine, including pediatrics;*

20 (4) *toxicology;*

21 (5) *epidemiology;*

22 (6) *mental health;*

23 (7) *medical monitoring and surveillance;*

24 (8) *environmental monitoring and surveillance;*

25 (9) *environmental and industrial hygiene;*

1           (10) *emergency planning and preparedness;*

2           (11) *public outreach and education;*

3           (12) *State and local health departments;*

4           (13) *State and local environmental protection*  
5           *departments;*

6           (14) *functions of workers that respond to disas-*  
7           *ters, including first responders; and*

8           (15) *public health and family services.*

9           (c) *CONTENTS.*—*The report under subsection (a) shall*  
10 *provide advice and recommendations regarding protecting*  
11 *and monitoring the health and safety of individuals poten-*  
12 *tially exposed to any chemical or other substance associated*  
13 *with potential acute or chronic human health effects as the*  
14 *result of a disaster, including advice and recommendations*  
15 *regarding—*

16           (1) *the establishment of protocols for the moni-*  
17 *toring of and response to chemical or substance re-*  
18 *leases in a disaster area for the purpose of protecting*  
19 *public health and safety, including—*

20           (A) *chemicals or other substances for which*  
21 *samples should be collected in the event of a dis-*  
22 *aster, including a terrorist attack;*

23           (B) *chemical- or substance-specific methods*  
24 *of sample collection, including sampling meth-*  
25 *odologies and locations;*

1           (C) chemical- or substance-specific methods  
2 of sample analysis;

3           (D) health-based threshold levels to be used  
4 and response actions to be taken in the event  
5 that thresholds are exceeded for individual  
6 chemicals or other substances;

7           (E) procedures for providing monitoring re-  
8 sults to—

9                 (i) appropriate Federal, State, and  
10 local government agencies;

11               (ii) appropriate response personnel;  
12 and

13               (iii) the public;

14           (F) responsibilities of Federal, State and  
15 local agencies for—

16               (i) collecting and analyzing samples;

17               (ii) reporting results; and

18               (iii) taking appropriate response ac-  
19 tions; and

20           (G) capabilities and capacity within the  
21 Federal Government to conduct appropriate en-  
22 vironmental monitoring and response in the  
23 event of a disaster, including a terrorist attack;  
24 and

1           (2) *other issues as specified by the Secretary of*  
2           *Homeland Security, the Secretary of Health and*  
3           *Human Services, and the Administrator of the Envi-*  
4           *ronmental Protection Agency.*

5           (d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are*  
6           *authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary*  
7           *to carry out this section.*

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**A BILL**

To amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize the President to carry out a program for the protection of the health and safety of residents, workers, volunteers, and others in a disaster area.

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