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Safe Drinking Water ACT: Issues in the 109th Congress

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. In the 109th Congress, key drinking water issues have involved water infrastructure funding and problems caused by specific contaminants, such as the gasoline additive methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), perchlorate, and lead in drinking water. Congress last reauthorized the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in 1996, and although funding authority for most SDWA programs expired in FY2003, reauthorization bills have not been proposed, as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), states, and water systems remain focused on implementing the requirements of the 1996 amendments. One SDWA amendment has been enacted in the 109th Congress. The Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 322, amended SDWA to preclude the EPA from regulating the injection of any fluids, except diesel fuel, into underground sources of drinking water for hydraulic fracturing purposes related to oil, gas, and geothermal production. Congress also has considered legislation to address concerns about drinking water contamination by perchlorate, the key ingredient in solid rocket fuel. The House passed H.R. 18 and H.R. 186, which would establish groundwater remediation programs in California, where most perchlorate contamination has been identified....



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