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# H. R. 5511

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2008

Mr. LAMBORN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of Colorado) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. LEADVILLE MINE DRAINAGE TUNNEL REMEDI-**  
4       **ATION.**

5       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
6 “Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Remediation Act of  
7 2008”.

1 (b) TUNNEL REMEDIATION.—The Reclamation  
2 Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 (Pub-  
3 lic Law 102–575) is amended as follows:

4 (1) By striking section 705.

5 (2) In section 708(a)—

6 (A) by striking “(a)” and inserting  
7 “(a)(1)”;

8 (B) by striking “The Secretary shall have”  
9 and inserting “Except as provided by paragraph  
10 (2), the Secretary shall have”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(2) The Secretary shall participate in the im-  
13 plementation of the operable unit 6 remedy for the  
14 California Gulch Superfund Site, as such remedy is  
15 defined in the Environmental Protection Agency’s  
16 2003 Record of Decision for such operable unit,  
17 by—

18 “(A) treating water behind any blockage or  
19 bulkhead in the Leadville Mine Drainage Tun-  
20 nel, including surface water diverted into the  
21 Tunnel workings as part of the remedy; and

22 “(B) managing and maintaining the mine  
23 pool behind such blockage or bulkhead at a level  
24 that precludes surface runoff and releases and

1           minimizes the potential for tunnel failure due to  
2           excessive water pressure in the tunnel.”.

3           (3) In section 708(f), by striking “and 708”  
4           and inserting “, 708, and 709”.

5           (4) By adding at the end the following:

6   **“SEC. 709. TUNNEL MAINTENANCE.**

7           “The Secretary shall take such steps to repair or  
8           maintain the structural integrity of the Leadville Mine  
9           Drainage Tunnel (LMDT) as may be necessary in order  
10          to prevent tunnel failure and to preclude uncontrolled re-  
11          lease of water from any portion of the tunnel.”.

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