

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3534  
OFFERED BY MR. CAO OF LOUISIANA**

Page 238, after line 19, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 811. GULF COAST HEALTH ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE.**

2       (a) **ASSESSMENT.**—The Secretary of Health and  
3 Human Services, in conjunction with State and local offi-  
4 cials, shall conduct an assessment of the physical and  
5 mental health effects of the oil spill arising from the explo-  
6 sion on and sinking of the *Deepwater Horizon* on workers  
7 responding to the oil spill. Not later than 90 days after  
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall  
9 submit to Congress and the President recommendations  
10 with respect to the treatment and rehabilitation of such  
11 workers.

12       (b) **ACTION PLAN.**—

13           (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Health and  
14 Human Services, in conjunction with State and local  
15 officials, shall develop—

16                   (A) an action plan for short (less than one  
17 year) and long (one to twenty years) com-  
18 prehensive physical and mental health assess-  
19 ments of the general population and of children

1 and pregnant women, including long term co-  
2 hort studies of the general community and chil-  
3 dren residing or working in parishes and coun-  
4 ties affected by the oil spill arising from the ex-  
5 plosion on and sinking of the *Deepwater Hori-*  
6 *zon*; and

7 (B) an action plan to link such health as-  
8 sessments to public health system enhance-  
9 ments and affordable high quality health serv-  
10 ices delivery, to benefit individuals and families  
11 in parishes and counties affected by the oil spill  
12 arising from the explosion on and sinking of the  
13 *Deepwater Horizon*.

14 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS.—The  
15 Secretary shall submit to Congress and the Presi-  
16 dent—

17 (A) not later than 60 days after the date  
18 of the enactment of this Act, recommendations  
19 regarding the short term plan required under  
20 paragraph (1); and

21 (B) not later than 120 days after the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act, recommendations  
23 regarding the long term plan required under  
24 such paragraph.

25 (c) OTHER ACTIONS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
2           Human Services, in conjunction with State and local  
3           officials, shall, on the basis of comprehensive phys-  
4           ical and mental health assessments of the general  
5           population and of pregnant women and children in  
6           communities affected by the oil spill arising from the  
7           explosion on and sinking of the *Deepwater Hori-*  
8           *zon*—

9                   (A) identify oil spill or dispersant-related  
10                  physical and mental health threats;

11                  (B) scientifically model public health inter-  
12                  ventions to mitigate those physical and mental  
13                  health threats; and

14                  (C) develop and implement short and long  
15                  term interventions to enable local public health  
16                  systems and nonprofit health services to ad-  
17                  dress those threats.

18           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
19           the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually  
20           thereafter, submit to Congress and the President a  
21           report on the results of the actions taken under  
22           paragraph (1).

