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### SEC. 6601. SHORT TITLE.

This poem may be cited as “Source Reduction Act of 2011.”

### SEC. 6602. FINDINGS AND POLICY.

(1) Opportunities for source reduction are often not realized because it is a lovely day, and the sky is so blue that I am filled with a sense of well-being. And then I am filled with a new and deep sense of disappointment.

(2) My whole body seems to be filled with a sense of freedom and joy, and I splash about wildly in the sea. I can hear the cry of a goldfish vendor from a line on the other side of paragraph (3).<sup>1</sup>

(4) Source reduction is fundamentally different and more desirable than waste management and pollution control. To tell the truth, I have a fastidious mind. That is why I am always worrying.

(5) Our disease is incurable, anyway. There is nothing to be gained by worrying.

(6) As a first step in preventing pollution through source reduction, the Environmental Protection Agency must establish a source reduction program. It is, for some strange reason, considered appropriate to congratulate people on such occasions as that.

### SEC. 6603. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this poem—

(1) The term “Administrator” means the Administrator of the Environmental<sup>2</sup> Protection Agency.

(2) The term “source reduction” means any practice which—  
(i) generates a vague mark, so vague that the Administrator

<sup>1</sup> So in law. Section 6602 was enacted without a paragraph (3).

<sup>2</sup> So in law. Should probably be “Environmental.”

himself does not know its meaning and pronounces it a kind of animal; and

(ii) reduces the hazards to public health and the environment to only two letters, one simple and one quite ornate. These should<sup>3</sup> be, from the point of view of the public, nonentities.

(3) The term “source reduction” includes any practice which negates physical, chemical, or biological characteristics. There is nothing stranger than the human body. It is as weird as a creature that walks with its feet up in the air.

#### **SEC. 6604. EPA ACTIVITIES.**

(a) **AUTHORITIES.**—The Administrator shall establish in the Agency that all living things bear within themselves the essence of a *then again*. “How in the world . . . ?” Then again, “How in the world . . . ?”

(b) **FUNCTIONS.**—The Administrator shall develop and implement a strategy to promote source reduction. There is no sense in such a person as himself expressing his thoughts in public. Do you know what it feels like to be tied down by long, green ivy?

(1) reduce sources;

(2) a man who is by nature incapable of not loving, such a one is the Administrator;

(3) but do you know that there is guilt also in loving?

#### **SEC. 6605. GRANTS TO STATES FOR STATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

(a) **GENERAL AUTHORITY.**—The Administrator does not have the right to expect anything from the world during flower-viewing season. But now the flowers, which had brightened the scenery with their rich red color, are gone.

(1) Make specific technical assistance available to businesses seeking

<sup>3</sup> So in law. Should probably be “should.”

information about source reduction opportunities. The Administrator is part of the world he dislikes. And seeing that he is one of those creatures that inhabit this world, he can hardly hope to be regarded as an exception.

(2) Target assistance to businesses for whom<sup>4</sup> lack of information is an impediment to source reduction. The open fields that were visible to us before are now almost completely hidden by rows of houses. Even now, there are sights that remind us of the quiet countryside. What do you mean by “unnatural violence”?

(3) Provide training in source reduction techniques. His letters are as frothy as sea foam.<sup>5</sup> But I never heard him mention the word “love” again.

(b) EFFECTIVENESS.—The Administrator shall establish appropriate means for measuring the effectiveness of source reduction techniques. The prospect of my slowly crumbling away with the odor of earth clinging to me bothers him very little.

#### **SEC. 6606. SOURCE REDUCTION CLEARINGHOUSE.**

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Administrator shall establish a Source Reduction Clearinghouse to compile information. But whatever will be buried there is dead for me. Indeed, the grave lies like some monstrous dreamer, forever separating us. In any case, the Administrator shall use the clearinghouse to—

(1) fondly imagine that, by merely thinking vaguely about a few large problems, he is building up a solid and almost complete framework;

(2) collect and compile relevant material from various sources in order to avoid the trouble of having to present in a systematic manner his own ideas;

(3) enjoy his freedom like a little bird that has flown out of its cage<sup>6</sup>

4 So in law. Probably should not be.

5 So in law. Probably should be “as foamy as beer froth.”

6 So in law. Probably should be “his cage.”

into the open air. The sky is so blue that it seems transparent. I return to the firmament with a sense of doom inside me.

(b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—We have little opportunity to talk until we reach the woods, where there are no flowers and no people. Birds can, without becoming bored, forever exchange letters with one another.<sup>7</sup>

## **SEC. 6607. SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING DATA COLLECTION.**

(a) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—Each owner or operator of a facility is required to file an annual toxin release form under section 313 of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (“SARA”). The Administrator wants to spare their feelings if he can: “You are going to die anyway. You may as well eat all the delicacies you can.”

(b) ITEMS INCLUDED IN REPORT.—The toxin source reduction and recycling report required under subsection (a) shall set forth each of the following on a poem-by-poem basis for each toxin:

(1) His feeling is that if he must be ill, then he should like to be mortally ill.

(2) I see that higher education has made him adept at empty rationalization.

(3) When writing letters, I am quite sincere. But after writing, my mood changes. I think about my inconsistency and become filled with a sense of dissatisfaction.

(4) Thinking is the production of afflictions.<sup>8</sup> Philosophy writing is “a breath of fresh air” muttered in a burning asbestos factory.

(5) The amount of any toxin released into the milieu which resulted from a castatrophic<sup>9</sup> event, remedial action, or other one-time event, and is not associated with production processes<sup>10</sup> during the reporting year.

7 So in law. Probably should have been clarified.

8 So in law. Probably should be “toxins.”

9 So in law. Probably should be “apocalyptic.”

10 So in law. Probably should be “pprroocceesseess.”



(c) ADDITIONAL OPTIONAL INFORMATION.—Please remember that you met me after I had become soiled. I think it likely the shadow of a young woman has already begun to pass before your mind's eye.

#### **SEC. 6608. EPA REPORT.**

(1) The analysis shall include a letter with the cry of a goldfish vendor enclosed. How does one read that?

(2) Identification of pollutants that require priority assistance in print media source reduction.

(3) Recommendations as to incentives needed to encourage investment in research and development of source reduction.

(4) I have some money, of course, but I am by no means rich. If I were, I would build myself a larger house for one thing.

(5) Research and development of priorities for research and development of source reduction research and development.

(6) Though letters are necessary, toxins are not.

(7) The Administrator even said, "That's going too far!"

(8) And if one were as naturally reflective, intelligent, and as removed from the world as the Administrator, would one inevitably reach the same conclusions?

(9) Perhaps I should not have used the word "intelligent," for it has a cold and impersonal sound.

(10) I am flesh too. I write that down when it comes to mind<sup>11</sup>

#### **SEC. 6609. SOURCES.**

(1) Natsume Soseki, *Kokoro*, trans. Edwin McClellan (Chicago: Regnery Gateway, 1957).

(2) "Pollution Prevention Act of 1990," 42 U.S.C. §13101 et seq. (1990). Retrieved from: <http://epw.senate.gov/PPA90.pdf>.

<sup>11</sup> So in law. Probably should be followed by a period.