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House Appropriations Bill a “Bailout for Big Polluters” *Meanwhile, Congress Continues Subsidizing Big Oil*

Washington, DC (July 6, 2011) –House Appropriations Committee Republican leadership today released the fiscal year 2012 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill. The draft bill will now be considered in subcommittee.

[Adam Kolton](#), executive director of the National Wildlife Federation’s National Advocacy Center, said today:

“Does anyone really believe gutting the Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act have anything to do with the budget? This bill is clearly about advancing an extremist political agenda under the guise of deficit reduction, while Congress separately continues billions in subsidies for the oil, gas and corn ethanol industries.

“This is a polluter bailout bill, and any effort to call it otherwise is a masquerade. Riddled with special interest policy riders and pet provisions and unprecedented cuts to virtually every program that protects the air we breathe, the water we drink and the public lands and wildlife that we cherish, this is not some ordinary appropriations bill. It’s a manifesto from Capitol Hill’s polluter pals who have long sought to get the federal government out of the business of ensuring a safer and cleaner environment for American families.”

[Poll](#) after [poll](#) has shown Americans oppose rolling back protections on our air, water and public health. For more National Wildlife Federation news visit www.nwf.org/news.

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