



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

December 13, 2011

**H.R. 200
Inland Empire Perchlorate Ground Water
Plume Assessment Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on November 17, 2011*

H.R. 200 would direct the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct a study of water resources in the Rialto-Colton Basin located east of Los Angeles, California. The study would identify the location of aquifers, evaluate the impact of perchlorate contamination, and include an analysis of other related water issues in the basin.

Based on information from the USGS and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 200 would cost \$4 million over the next two years. Those funds would be used to drill wells, collect data, and perform modeling activities necessary to complete the study. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 200 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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