

Inflation Reduction Act of 2022: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Selected Other Environmental Provisions

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On August 16, 2022, President Biden signed H.R. 5376 (P.L. 117-169), a budget reconciliation measure commonly referred to as the “Inflation Reduction Act of 2022” (IRA). This Insight identifies IRA provisions that are to be implemented by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and selected other environmental policy-related provisions. These provisions, which are found in IRA Title VI—Committee on Environment and Public Works and a Superfund tax section in Title I, Subtitle D, span a range of EPA program areas and environmental and climate change topics, including air quality, enforcement, greenhouse gas emissions, environmental reviews, and environmental justice, among others. In addition, the IRA includes a provision related to environmental data collection for the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ).

Table 1 lists these EPA and CEQ provisions and associated FY2022 appropriations in P.L. 117-169. The table does not reflect other IRA provisions related to environment, natural resources, or climate policy issues that would be implemented by other federal departments or agencies, such as the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or others.

Table 2 lists the IRA provision on reinstatement of the Superfund petroleum excise tax, which is a revenue provision.

Table 1. EPA and Selected Other Environment-Related Provisions in P.L. 117-169

		FY2022 Appropriations (dollars in millions) ^a
Section	Title	
Title VI – Committee on Environment and Public Works		
Subtitle A – Air Pollution		
60101	Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles ^b	\$1,000.0
60102	Grants to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports	\$3,000.0

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Section	Title	FY2022 Appropriations (dollars in millions) ^a
60103	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	\$27,000.0
60104	Diesel Emissions Reductions ^c	\$60.0
60105	Funding to Address Air Pollution	\$235.5
60106	Funding to Address Air Pollution at Schools	\$50.0
60107	Low Emissions Electricity Program	\$87.0
60108	Funding for Section 211(o) of the Clean Air Act	\$15.0
60109	Funding for Implementation of the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act	\$38.5
60110	Funding for Enforcement Technology and Public Information	\$25.0
60111	Greenhouse Gas Corporate Reporting ^d	\$5.0
60112	Environmental Product Declaration Assistance	\$250.0
60113	Methane Emissions Reduction Program ^e	\$1,550.0
60114	Climate Pollution Reduction Grants	\$5,000.0
60115	Environmental Protection Agency Efficient, Accurate, and Timely Reviews	\$40.0
60116	Low-Embodied Carbon Labeling for Construction Materials	\$100.0
Subtitle B – Hazardous Materials		
60201	Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants	\$3,000.0
Subtitle D – Council on Environmental Quality		
60401	Environmental and Climate Data Collection	(CEQ) \$32.5

Source: CRS, using P.L. 117-169.

- a. EPA appropriations, unless otherwise indicated.
- b. For more information, see CRS In Focus IFI2043, *Heavy-Duty Vehicles, Air Pollution, and Climate Change*, by Richard K. Lattanzio.
- c. For more information, see CRS In Focus IFI1331, *The Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program*, by Richard K. Lattanzio.
- d. For more information, see CRS In Focus IFI1754, *EPA's Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program*, by Angela C. Jones.
- e. For more information, see CRS Report R47206, *Inflation Reduction Act Methane Emissions Charge: In Brief*, by Jonathan L. Ramseur.

Table 2. Superfund Tax Provision in P.L. 117-169

Section	Title
Title I – Committee on Finance	
Subtitle D – Energy Security, Part 6, Superfund	
13601	Reinstatement of Superfund (Petroleum Excise Tax)

Source: CRS, using P.L. 117-169.

Notes: For more information, see CRS In Focus IFI1982, *Superfund Tax Legislation in the 117th Congress*, by Anthony A. Cilluffo and David M. Bearden.

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