Congressional Bottle Ban Report Language

Language contained in the NPS Explanatory Statement accompanying Division G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016 (P.L. 114-113) stated:

Sales of Bottled Water at Park Units. -The Committees are aware of concerns raised about Director ’s Policy Memorandum 11-03 relating to disposable plastic water bottle recycling and reduction, which provided park units the option to eliminate the sale of bottled water on a park-by-park basis. The Committees understand that 19 parks have eliminated the sale of disposable water bottles as a result of this policy and direct the Service to provide, not later than 60 days after enactment of this Act, a report that details the data the Service reviewed and the justification for making the determination to ban bottled water at each affected park unit.