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Rep. Shuler Working to Help WNC Communities Clean up Meth Sites *Federal Meth Clean-Up Assistance Set to be Signed into Law*

Washington, D.C. – Communities across Western North Carolina will have additional federal assistance to clean up the hazardous remains left from methamphetamine labs when legislation cosponsored by Representative Heath Shuler is signed into law.

The bill, H.R. 365, the Methamphetamine Remediation Act of 2007 has now passed both the House and Senate and has been presented to the President for his signature.

The Methamphetamine Remediation Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct research on the production of methamphetamine and the effectiveness of various cleanup and remediation techniques. The bill also requires the EPA to host a meeting of state agencies, individuals, and organizations involved in the cleanup of meth labs to share best their practices and identify research needs.

This information will then be shared with all levels of government to ensure communities have the best resources available.

“This fight is critically important to our families and our communities. Meth is being produced and causing serious damage in every county of the 11th District, Rep. Shuler said. “I have repeatedly heard from our law enforcement officials that they need more help in cleaning up these sites. The Methamphetamine Remediation Act begins to give that help to our local communities, and I am extremely proud that it will soon become law.”

According to a 2006 National Drug Threat Survey of state and local law enforcement agencies across the nation, meth was named most often as the greatest drug threat in communities.

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