

## HR 5493

### Reform of Energy Workers Compensation Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Labor and Employment

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (17 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Clement, Bob [D-TN-5]	D · TN		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Lucas, Ken [D-KY-4]	D · KY		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Slaughter, Louise McIntosh [D-NY-28]	D · NY		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Tauscher, Ellen O. [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Udall, Mark [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	R · KY		Sep 26, 2002
Rep. Inslee, Jay [D-WA-1]	D · WA		Oct 1, 2002
Rep. LaTourette, Steven C. [R-OH-19]	R · OH		Oct 1, 2002
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Oct 7, 2002
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Oct 9, 2002
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Oct 9, 2002
Rep. Owens, Major R. [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Oct 10, 2002
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	D · TX		Oct 16, 2002
Rep. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Oct 24, 2002

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 25, 2002
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 12, 2002

## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Labor and Employment

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Sep 26, 2002)

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Reform of Energy Workers Compensation Act - Amends the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA) to provide for worker compensation benefit payments to contractor employees of the Department of Energy (DOE) who were exposed to toxic substances at DOE facilities. (This new subtitle D replaces the current provisions for DOE assistance to such employees in State workers compensation proceedings.) Requires DOE to review claims and determine causation within specified time limits (with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) continuing to appoint members of physician review panels for diagnosing such occupational illnesses). Directs the Secretary of Labor to pay such benefits from the EEOICPA fund for claimants approved by DOE. Requires the Secretaries of Energy and Labor to ensure that such claims are resolved in a nonadversarial manner.

Revises EEOIPA subtitle B program administration provisions to add as covered illnesses: (1) chronic renal disease, for uranium workers; and (2) lung cancer, among beryllium-related diseases. Revises provisions relating to: (1) a special exposure cohort expansion procedure; (2) the radioepidemiologic model for determining compensation; and (3) additional specified cancers.

Provides administrative assistance for claimants under either subtitle B or D, including administrative relief and proof where medical records are not available, resource centers, and outreach programs. Establishes within the Office of the Secretary of Labor the Office of the Ombudsman for Occupational Illness Compensation, which is to coordinate activities of the Secretaries of Labor, Energy, and HHS under EEOICPA.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Nov 25, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Nov 12, 2002:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims.
- **Sep 30, 2002:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1699)
- **Sep 26, 2002:** Introduced in House
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