

HR 1961

To provide for the external regulation of nuclear safety and occupational safety and health at the Department of Energy.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

Introduced: May 6, 2003

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections. (May 19, 2003)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-bill/1961>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|------------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Calvert, Ken [R-CA-44] | R · CA | | May 6, 2003 |
| Rep. Ehlers, Vernon J. [R-MI-3] | R · MI | | Sep 4, 2003 |
| Rep. Lipinski, William O. [D-IL-3] | D · IL | | Sep 10, 2003 |
| Rep. Jackson-Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18] | D · TX | | Sep 23, 2003 |
| Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21] | D · NY | | Sep 23, 2003 |
| Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6] | R · TX | | Oct 7, 2003 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|--|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred to | May 19, 2003 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | May 9, 2003 |
| Science, Space, and Technology Committee | House | Referred to | May 8, 2003 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Eliminates Department of Energy (DOE) regulatory or enforcement authority at any nonmilitary DOE energy laboratory in connection with responsibilities for nuclear safety and for occupational safety and health.

Grants the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) nuclear safety regulatory and enforcement responsibilities, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) occupational safety and health regulatory and enforcement responsibilities with regard to such facilities.

Authorizes the NRC to regulate both the DOE and DOE contractors through licensing and certification.

Holds a contractor operating a DOE nonmilitary energy laboratory harmless from facility decommissioning costs or from any violation of NRC decommissioning requirements if such violation results from DOE failure to authorize or fund decommissioning activities.

States OSHA and the NRC both share regulatory and enforcement responsibilities regarding a hazard at a nonmilitary DOE energy laboratory that presents a risk of occupational exposure and contains both a radiological and non-radiological component.

Actions Timeline

- **May 19, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **May 9, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality.
- **May 8, 2003:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
- **May 6, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2003:** Introduced in House
- **May 6, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 6, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 6, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **May 6, 2003:** Referred to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.