

HR 4139

To minimize harm to populations impacted by the release of environmental contaminants, hazardous materials or infectious materials in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by providing for a Comprehensive Environmental Sampling and Toxicity Assessment Plan (CESTAP) to assess and monitor air, water, soil and human populations, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 25, 2005
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2006
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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 4, 2005
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 26, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Emergency Management

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 25, 2005)

Gulf Coast Hurricane Emergency Environmental Protection Act of 2005 - Directs the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to use Hurricane Katrina disaster relief funding for: (1) cleanup activities; (2) reconstruction and rehabilitation of drinking water supplies and wastewater treatment plants; and (3) addressing threats to human health or the environment due to Hurricane Katrina. Requires the Administrator to prioritize cleanup activities based upon risks posed to human health or the environment.

Directs the Administrator, in coordination with the governors of affected states and relevant governmental agencies, to develop a Comprehensive Environmental Sampling and Toxicity Assessment Plan (CESTAP) to determine health and environmental hazards posed by exposure to contaminants, hazardous materials, or infectious materials released into the environment due to hurricanes and resultant flooding. Requires CESTAP to include comprehensive environmental testing, risk assessment, notification to the public and public health officials of environmental risks, cleanup provisions, training for responders and cleanup workers, and public health assessments and long-term monitoring of health risks from environmental contaminants released by Hurricane Katrina.

Establishes an Independent Advisory and Review Board to assist the Administrator in carrying out this Act.

Habitability of Residential Homes, Schools, and Commercial Buildings Affected by Hurricane Katrina Act of 2005 - Directs the Administrator to: (1) establish a grant program for abatement and inspection activities for residences, commercial buildings, and schools affected by Hurricane Katrina; (2) issues guidelines for mold and mold spore limits in buildings; and (3) issue guidelines for contractor training and certification for mold remediation.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 24, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections.
- **Mar 24, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness.
- **Mar 24, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
- **Nov 4, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.
- **Oct 26, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Oct 25, 2005:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 25, 2005:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, the Budget, 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.

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