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Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Environmental Improvement Act of 2008

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Salazar, Ken [D-CO]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 24, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 5511	Related bill	Jun 20, 2008: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel Environmental Improvement Act of 2008 - Amends the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to repeal provisions requiring construction of a water treatment plant to treat effluent discharged from the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel, Colorado, and authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to investigate water pollution sources and impacts attributed to development in the Upper Arkansas River basin, develop corrective action plans, and implement corrective action demonstration projects.

Requires the Secretary to operate and maintain the Tunnel in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

Directs the Secretary, in cooperation with the state of Colorado, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other federal agencies, to: (1) investigate the Tunnel, groundwater and surface water affected by any blockage of the Tunnel, and the upper Arkansas River Watershed (study area); and (2) submit to the state, the Administrator, and Congress annual reports on how any blockages in the Tunnel affect water quality and aquatic life in the study area.

Requires the Secretary, in conjunction with the Administrator, to take actions to: (1) reduce the water level in the mine pool associated with the Tunnel to prevent the risk of a catastrophic rupture and flood; and (2) maintain the water level in the mine pool at a safe level and prevent further mine pool migration.

Directs the Secretary, in conjunction with the Administrator and the state, to implement those portions of the remedy selected by the Administrator, dated September 2003, for the California Gulch Superfund Site that pertain to managing the Tunnel and related mine pool.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 24, 2008:** Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power. Hearings held. With printed Hearing: S.Hrg. 110-494.
- **Feb 28, 2008:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 28, 2008:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1386-1387)
- **Feb 28, 2008:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.