

HR 1417

Safety for Americans from Nuclear Weapons Testing Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2010
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 11, 2009
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Homeland Security Committee	House	Bills of Interest - Exchange of Letters	Sep 22, 2010
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 10, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 600	Related bill	Mar 16, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Safety for Americans from Nuclear Weapons Testing Act - Deems each of the following actions undertaken by a federal agency to be a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment for which a detailed environmental impact statement is required in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969: (1) any action having as a purpose the resumption of testing of one or more nuclear weapons (including other nuclear explosive devices producing a nuclear yield) at the Nevada Test Site; or (2) use of any other location for such testing. Outlines information required to be included in such statement, including: (1) the possibility of radiation containment failure and the effects of such failure; (2) possible long-term effects on the water table from underground radiation leakage; and (3) information with respect to certain kiloton categories of weapons.

Prohibits the United States from resuming any such testing unless authorized by a law enacted after the enactment of this Act.

Requires: (1) advance public notice of each test by the President; (2) notice of each release of radiation beyond the boundaries of the Nevada Test Site by the Secretary of Energy within one hour of detection of such radiation; and (3) public meetings in southern Utah, Arizona, and Nevada after each test to discuss test results.

Directs the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study on the safety and health of citizens in the vicinity of the Nevada Test Site.

Directs the Secretary to establish a Nevada Test Site Citizens Review Board.

Directs the Secretary of Homeland Security to make grants to institutions of higher education to acquire and operate, for ten years, radiation detection equipment and sensors.

Directs the Secretary of Energy, through the Department of Energy (DOE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to monitor the nature and extent of any radiation released into the atmosphere as a result of such testing. Requires: (1) DOE radiation containment assessment; and (2) public notice of monitoring data.

Requires the: (1) Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to make a grant to establish the National Center for the Study of Radiation and Human Health; and (2) Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study of individuals exposed to nuclear weapons tests.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 25, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Strategic Forces.
- **Mar 11, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 11, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Natural Resources, 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.
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Mar 10, 2009:** Referred to House Natural Resources