

HR 2065

Mercury Pollution Reduction Act of 2009

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 27, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 2190	Related bill	Dec 16, 2009: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 222.
111 S 1428	Related bill	Jul 9, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Summary (as of Apr 23, 2009)

Mercury Pollution Reduction Act of 2009 - Declares that the United States should develop policies and programs that will reduce: (1) mercury use and emissions; (2) mercury releases from the reservoir of mercury currently in use or circulation; and (3) exposures to mercury, particularly of women of childbearing age and young children.

Amends the Toxic Substances Control Act to prohibit: (1) the manufacture of chlorine or caustic soda using mercury cells; and (2) the export of any mercury, mercury cells, mercury compounds, and mixtures containing mercury.

Requires the Secretary of Energy to develop a system for the storage of all mercury, mercury cells, mercury compounds, and mixtures containing mercury from a chlor-alkali facility.

Requires the owner or operator of each chlor-alkali facility to report to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator and the state in which the facility is located on mercury waste, emissions, and content in products.

Requires the Administrator to: (1) conduct a comprehensive mercury inventory covering the life and closure of chlor-alkali facilities that cease operations on or after January 1, 2009; and (2) obtain mercury purchase records and such other information from each such facility as are necessary to determine the magnitude and nature of mercury releases from the facility into air and other environmental media.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.
- **Apr 23, 2009:** Introduced in House
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