

HR 3203

Cleanup of Inactive and Abandoned Mines Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources. (Jul 20, 2009)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 15, 2009
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 20, 2009
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 15, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 1777	Related bill	Oct 13, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure introduced: CR S10368-10372)

Cleanup of Inactive and Abandoned Mines Act - Sets forth provisions to encourage the partial or complete remediation of inactive and abandoned mine sites for the public good by good samaritans (defined as persons who had no role in the creation of the historic mine residue or the resulting environmental pollution and who are not legally responsible for such remediation).

Authorizes a permitting authority (i.e., the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] or a state or Indian tribe with an approved Good Samaritan program) to issue a permit to a good samaritan for a mine remediation project if it is determined that: (1) the project will improve the environment on or in the area of the mine site to a significant degree; (2) the project will meet applicable water quality standards; (3) the permittee has the financial and other resources to complete, and will complete, the permitted work; and (4) the relevant governmental entities concur with the issuance of the permit. Terminates the authority to issue permits under this Act on September 30, 2019.

Exempts permits from requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 relating to environmental assessments and impact statements.

Requires a permitting authority to: (1) consult with permit applicants; (2) maintain all records relating to the permit and the permit process; (3) allow cooperating agencies and the public to participate in the permit process; and (4) monitor remediation projects.

Establishes civil penalties for violations of permit requirements and authorizes injunctions to require compliance with a permit.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 20, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jul 15, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Jul 15, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jul 14, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 14, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.
- **Jul 14, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jul 14, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
- **Jul 14, 2009:** Referred to House Natural Resources