

## HR 469

Produced Water Utilization Act of 2009

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Water Resources Development

**Introduced:** Jan 13, 2009

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

**Latest Action:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (Feb 12, 2009)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/111th-congress/house-bill/469>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hall, Ralph M. [R-TX-4]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** TX • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 10, 2009

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Natural Resources Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 12, 2009
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 13, 2009

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Water Resources Development

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

**(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)**

Produced Water Utilization Act of 2009 - Defines "produced water" to mean water from an underground source that is brought to the surface as part of the process of exploration for or development of coalbed methane, oil, natural gas, or any other substance to be used as an energy source.

Requires the Secretary of Energy, in conjunction with an existing domestic petroleum production program of the Department of Energy (DOE), to conduct a program of research, development, and demonstration of technologies for environmentally sustainable utilization of produced water for agriculture, irrigation, municipal, or industrial uses or other environmentally sustainable purposes. Requires the program to be designed to maximize the utilization of produced water in the United States by increasing its quality and reducing its environmental impacts.

Requires that the program address: (1) produced water recovery, including research for desalination and demineralization to reduce total dissolved solids in the produced water; (2) re-injection of produced water into subsurface geological formations to increase energy production; and (3) improving safety and minimizing environmental impacts of such activities.

Requires the Secretary, through the appropriate National Laboratory, to carry out research, development, and demonstration activities that are complementary to and supportive of such program.

Authorizes appropriations.

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### **Actions Timeline**

- **Feb 12, 2009:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Mr. Gordon (TN) moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H1193-1195)
- **Feb 11, 2009:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 469.
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H1193-1194)
- **Feb 11, 2009:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H1193-1194)
- **Feb 11, 2009:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jan 13, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 13, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Science and Technology.