

HR 672

Military Environmental Responsibility Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness. (Feb 17, 2009)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Filner, Bob [D-CA-51]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

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|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI-2] | D · WI | | Feb 3, 2009 |
| Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-9] | D · CA | | Feb 3, 2009 |
| Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-15] | D · CA | | Feb 10, 2009 |
| Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6] | D · CA | | Feb 12, 2009 |
| Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7] | D · AZ | | Feb 23, 2009 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Jul 14, 2010 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Armed Services Committee | House | Referred to | Feb 17, 2009 |
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Jan 26, 2009 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 27, 2009 |
| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 27, 2009 |
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 26, 2009)

Military Environmental Responsibility Act - Requires the Department of Defense (DOD) and defense-related agencies (the Department of Energy [DOE], the Nuclear Regulatory Commission [NRC], the Office of Naval Nuclear Reactors, and any others as designated by the President) to fully comply with designated federal and state environmental laws, including those related to public health and safety, to the same extent as any other entities subject to such laws. Waives any immunity of the United States with respect to such laws as applied to DOD and any defense-related agency. Provides for administrative enforcement actions.

Requires the Secretary of Defense, for each weapon system for which congressional budget justification is required, to ensure that all development and procurement decisions comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Repeals: (1) a federal provision prohibiting the use of certain military appropriation accounts for the payment of fines and penalties for environmental noncompliance; and (2) a provision of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 which prohibits the use of defense funds to conduct treatment, storage, or disposal activities at sites designated under the Formerly Utilized Site Remedial Action Program.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 17, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Readiness.
- **Jan 28, 2009:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E159)
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Environment.
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jan 27, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Jan 26, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 26, 2009:** Referred to House Armed Services
- **Jan 26, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Natural Resources, and Education and Labor, 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.
- **Jan 26, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Jan 26, 2009:** Referred to House Transportation and Infrastructure
- **Jan 26, 2009:** Referred to House Natural Resources
- **Jan 26, 2009:** Referred to House Education and Labor