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Mining Jobs Protection Act

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Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]	R · ID		May 5, 2011
Sen. Coats, Daniel [R-IN]	R · IN		May 10, 2011
Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		May 16, 2011
Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]	R · KS		May 17, 2011

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 3, 2011

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1720	Related bill	Oct 18, 2011: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 203.
112 HR 960	Identical bill	Mar 9, 2011: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

Summary (as of Mar 3, 2011)

Mining Jobs Protection Act - Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly known as the Clean Water Act) to repeal provisions that require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to consult with the Secretary of the Army before denying or restricting the use of specified areas as disposal sites for discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Requires the Administrator to provide, within specified timeframes, to: (1) the Secretary notice of any concerns with respect to a specification for a disposal site proposed to be issued under a permit to discharge into navigable waters; and (2) the Secretary and permit applicants the reasons for any disapproval of permits.

Removes the Administrator's authority to prohibit the specification of any defined area as a disposal site: (1) 60 days after the Administrator receives the proposed specification from the Secretary for review; and (2) once the Secretary has issued a permit for dredged or fill material. Authorizes the Secretary to reevaluate and reissue, or to elect not to reissue, a specification in any case in which, before the enactment of this Act, the Administrator disproved of a specification after it was issued by the Secretary.

Sets forth requirements that must be met before the Administrator or the head of another agency requests that a proposed permit for dredged or fill material receive a higher level of review by the Secretary.

Actions Timeline

- Mar 3, 2011: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 3, 2011: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1221)
- Mar 3, 2011: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1221-1222)