

## S 1781

General Duty Clarification Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Dec 9, 2013)

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### Sponsor

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Dec 9, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 888	Related bill	Mar 1, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

### Summary (as of Dec 9, 2013)

General Duty Clarification Act of 2013 - Amends the Clean Air Act, with respect to provisions relating to the prevention of accidental releases of hazardous air pollutants, to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to: (1) promulgate final regulations establishing criteria defining the terms "extremely hazardous substance," "appropriate hazard assessment techniques," and "design and maintain a safe facility"; and (2) issue guidelines to ensure enforcement of such provisions by the regional offices of EPA in a uniform and appropriate manner across all regions of the United States.

Modifies the definition of "accidental release" to exclude an emission resulting from an act intended to cause harm.

## Actions Timeline

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