

HR 2850

EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Study Improvement Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY-At Large]	R · WY		Jul 30, 2013
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Science, Space, and Technology Committee	House	Reported By	Oct 23, 2013

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 2	Related bill	Nov 17, 2014: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 601.
113 HR 5360	Related bill	Sep 15, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation.
113 HR 4304	Related bill	Jun 13, 2014: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

EPA Hydraulic Fracturing Study Improvement Act - Requires the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conducting the study of the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources, with respect to which a request for information was issued in November 2012, to:

- prior to issuance and dissemination of any final or interim report summarizing EPA research on such relationship, consider such reports to be Highly Influential Scientific Assessments requiring peer review in accordance with specified EPA and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy documents;
- require the reports to meet the standards and procedures for the dissemination of influential scientific, financial, or statistical information set forth in the EPA's *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency*, developed in response to guidelines issued by OMB under the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001; and
- ensure that identification of the possible impacts included in such reports be accompanied by objective estimates of the probability, uncertainty, and consequence of each identified impact, taking into account the risk management practices of states and industry, and that estimates or descriptions of probability, uncertainty, and consequence are as quantitative as possible given the validity, accuracy, precision, and other quality attributes of the underlying data and analyses, but no more quantitative than the data and analyses can support.

Requires public release of the final report by September 30, 2016.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 23, 2013:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H. Rept. 113-252.
- **Oct 23, 2013:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 179.
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Aug 1, 2013:** Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
- **Jul 30, 2013:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2013:** Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.