

HR 4993

To clarify the effect of State statutes of repose on the required commencement date for actions under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. (Jul 21, 2014)

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Sponsor

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Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 26, 2014
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 26, 2014
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 21, 2014
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 27, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2542	Identical bill	Jun 26, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) to preempt a state statute of repose for actions brought under state law for personal injury or property damages caused from or contributed to by exposure to any hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant, if the state statute provides a commencement date that is earlier than the federally required commencement date. (Currently, CERCLA preempts state statutes of limitations, which limit the amount of time a lawsuit can commence from the time the contamination is discovered. The Supreme Court ruled in *CTS Corp. v. Waldburger* that North Carolina's statute of repose was not preempted by CERCLA. That statute of repose limits the amount of time a lawsuit can commence to 10 years from the defendant's last action, regardless of when the contamination is discovered.)

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 21, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Jun 27, 2014:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Jun 26, 2014:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 26, 2014:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Judiciary, 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.