

HR 1043

RESPONSE Act of 2015

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 25, 2015
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 546	Related bill	Dec 16, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-321.

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Amends the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation Subcommittee of the National Advisory Council.

Directs the Subcommittee to evaluate the following topics and develop recommendations for improving emergency responder training and resource allocation for hazardous materials incidents involving railroads:

- the quality and application of training for local emergency first responders related to rail hazardous materials incidents, with a particular focus on local emergency responders and small communities near railroads;
- the effectiveness of funding levels related to training local emergency responders for rail hazardous materials incidents, with a particular focus on local emergency responders and small communities;
- a strategy for integration of commodity flow studies, mapping, and access platforms for local emergency responders and how to increase the rate of access to the individual responder in existing or emerging communications technology;
- the need for emergency response plans for rail, similar to existing law related to maritime and stationary facility emergency response plans for hazardous materials;
- the need for a rail hazardous materials incident database;
- increasing access to relevant, useful, and timely information for the local emergency responder for training purposes and in the event of a rail hazardous materials incident; and
- determining the most appropriate agencies and offices for the implementation of the recommendations.

Terminates the Subcommittee not later than four years after this Act's enactment, subject to one year extensions.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 25, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Feb 25, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management.
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 24, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.