

S 2135

A bill to address the liability of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the Animas and San Juan Rivers spill.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 5, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Oct 5, 2015)

This bill removes the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) immunity from claims relating to the August 2015 spill of hazardous waste from an abandoned gold mine in Colorado into the Animas River and the San Juan River.

Civil actions relating to that spill must be commenced within 10 years after the cause of action accrues.

The EPA must work with states and Indian tribes affected by the spill to develop, fund, and implement a long-term monitoring program for water and sediment quality of those rivers.

Actions Timeline

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