

HR 4429

Natural Gas Leak Prevention Act of 2016

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2016
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 3, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4937	Related bill	Nov 14, 2016: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 631.
114 S 2276	Related bill	Jun 22, 2016: Became Public Law No: 114-183.

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This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue minimum uniform safety standards for the operation, environmental protection, and integrity management of underground natural gas storage facilities.

The bill defines an "underground natural gas storage facility" as a gas pipeline facility that stores gas in an underground facility, including:

- a depleted hydrocarbon reservoir,
- an aquifer reservoir, or
- a solution mined salt cavern reservoir.

DOT, in developing such standards, shall:

- consider the economic impacts of the regulations on individual gas customers,
- ensure that the regulations do not have a significant economic impact on end users, and
- consider existing consensus standards.

A user fee shall be imposed on an entity operating an underground natural gas storage facility. Collected fees shall be deposited in an underground natural gas storage facility safety account, which shall be established in the Pipeline Safety Fund and which shall be made available only for activities related to natural gas storage safety.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 5, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **Feb 3, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 2, 2016:** Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.