

HR 4578

Underground Gas Storage Safety Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power. (Feb 19, 2016)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 19, 2016
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 16, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 12, 2016)

Underground Gas Storage Safety Act

This bill directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to prescribe minimum safety standards, meeting specified requirements, for underground gas storage facilities.

A state authority may, however, adopt additional or more stringent safety standards for intrastate underground gas storage facilities.

Until final standards are prescribed, all underground natural gas storage facilities shall comply with certain minimum requirements, including those in depleted hydrocarbon reservoirs and aquifer reservoirs and those in solution-mined salt caverns.

DOT shall make grants for research and development activities relating to: (1) improved underground gas storage safety, or (2) an odorant additive for gas that is both detectable and nontoxic.

A user fee shall be imposed on each operator of an underground gas storage facility to which specified safety requirements apply.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 19, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Power.
- **Feb 16, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.
- **Feb 12, 2016:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 12, 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.