

HR 1747

Brownfields Authorization Increase Act of 2017

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Committee Activity

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Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 31, 2017
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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 2479	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
115 HR 1758	Related bill	Nov 21, 2017: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Rept. 115-419, Part I.
115 S 822	Related bill	Sep 7, 2017: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 213.

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This bill amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 by: (1) reauthorizing through FY2023 and revising the brownfield revitalization funding program, and (2) permanently reauthorizing a grant program for state and tribal response programs (programs responding to brownfields). (Brownfield sites are certain commercial properties that are hindered from reuse or redevelopment due to the presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.)

Certain nonprofit organizations and community development entities are made eligible for brownfields revitalization funding.

The bill increases the cap on the amount that may be given in grants for direct remediation of brownfield sites.

The brownfield site characterization and assessment grant program is revised by authorizing eligible entities to receive grants for property they acquired on or before January 11, 2002.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must establish a program to provide multipurpose grants to carry out inventory, characterization, assessment, planning, or remediation activities at brownfield sites. In addition, the EPA must establish a grant program for brownfield projects that reduce the brownfield's environmental impact, increase community livability, and encourage sustainability.

The EPA must establish a grant program that provides training, research, and technical assistance to facilitate the inventory of brownfield sites, site assessments, remediation of brownfield sites, community involvement, or site preparation. (Currently, the EPA may provide funding for this purpose.) The bill authorizes the EPA to use up to a specified amount of the funding made available for the grant program on grants to assist small communities, Indian tribes, rural areas, or disadvantaged areas.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 31, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Mar 28, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 28, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.