

## HR 4014

Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 26, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6112	Related bill	<b>Mar 17, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
116 HR 436	Related bill	<b>Feb 7, 2019:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

## **Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act of 2019**

This bill revises drinking water requirements concerning hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations.

Specifically, the bill gives the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the authority to protect groundwater sources (e.g., wells) from certain pollution risks posed by fracking operations.

The bill also establishes requirements for disclosing the chemicals intended for use in fracking operations as well as the chemicals actually used in the operations. If the proprietary chemical formulas of chemicals used in fracking operations are necessary for treatment in medical emergencies, then the operations must disclose the formulas or the specific chemical identities of trade secret chemicals to the state, the EPA, or the treating physicians or nurses upon request, regardless of whether written statements of need or confidentiality agreements have been provided.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **Jul 25, 2019:** Introduced in House
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