HR 436

Fracking Disclosure and Safety Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2019
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6112	Related bill	**Mar 17, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
116 HR 4006	Related bill	**Jul 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
116 HR 4007	Related bill	**Jul 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
116 HR 4014	Related bill	**Jul 26, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
116 HR 585	Related bill	**Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.

Summary (as of Jan 10, 2019)

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This bill establishes requirements governing oil or gas operations, such as hydraulic fracturing operations. Hydraulic fracturing or fracking is a process to extract underground resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting water, a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a well under enough pressure to fracture the geological formation.

Specifically, the bill eliminates certain exemptions for oil or gas operations from environmental requirements, including requirements concerning stormwater runoff, hazardous air pollutants, solid waste disposal, and drinking water sources. The bill also revises drinking water requirements to require hydraulic fracturing operations to disclose the chemicals they use in underground injections.

In addition, the bill requires the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to issue regulations governing the use of hydraulic fracturing under oil and gas leases for federal lands. Until the BLM issues those regulations, the bill reestablishes the requirements of the repealed rule titled “Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Land."

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must issue a rule that adds hydrogen sulfide to the list of hazardous air pollutants. The EPA must also publish a list of categories and subcategories of major sources and area sources of hydrogen sulfide, including oil and gas wells.

Finally, the bill requires the EPA to issue regulations for solid waste associated with the exploration, development, or production of crude oil, natural gas, or geothermal energy if the EPA determines that the wastes are hazardous.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 7, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Feb 5, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 10, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Natural Resources, 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.