

## S 4369

Public Health Air Quality Act of 2020

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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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### Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Related Bills

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## **Public Health Air Quality Act of 2020**

This bill requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement policies, programs, and regulations related to air quality monitoring.

Specifically, the EPA must implement a program using specified methods and technologies to administer or conduct the best available form of fence-line monitoring (i.e., monitoring of ambient air concentration using technology at a site's property line) of specified stationary sources of hazardous air pollutants. The stationary sources to be monitored must include the 25 high-priority facilities named in the EPA Inspector General report (#20-N-0128) from March 31, 2020, and at least another 25 major sources or synthetic area sources.

Among other requirements, the EPA must also

- determine whether to add fence-line monitoring for any additional stationary sources,
- complete an evaluation and promulgate a determination on whether any existing emission factors must be updated to better reflect or account for the results of fence-line monitoring data collected under the established program,
- promulgate regulations establishing emission standards for specified source categories,
- require an additional 80 National Core multi-pollutant monitoring stations, and
- deploy at least 1,000 air quality sensors to monitor specified pollutants in census tracts or counties with per capita death rates from COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) that are at least 10% higher than the national average.

Finally, the Department of Health and Human Services and the EPA must carry out a Centers of Excellence on Environmental Health Disparities Research grant program to establish and support at least 10 research centers.

## **Actions Timeline**

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