

HR 6112

Oil and Water Don't Mix Act of 2020

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 5, 2020
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2020
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Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2020
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 9, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
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 436	Related bill	Feb 7, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
116 HR 585	Related bill	Jan 25, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.

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This bill establishes requirements governing oil or gas operations, such as hydraulic fracturing (fracking) operations.

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

The bill sets forth requirements to protect the quality and quantity of surface or ground water systems, including by requiring oil or gas operations to replace certain water supplies that have been affected by the production of oil or gas.

In addition, the bill requires the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to issue regulations governing the use of fracking 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 Until the BLM issues those regulations, the bill reestablishes the requirements of the repealed rule titled *Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Land*.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 waste is hazardous.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 17, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 17, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
- **Mar 17, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
- **Mar 9, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
- **Mar 5, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and 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.