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Atlantic Seismic Airgun Protection Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 1606	Identical bill	Mar 28, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.

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This bill prohibits conducting geological or geophysical activities in support of oil, gas, or methane hydrate exploration and development on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf. Geological and geophysical activities for oil and gas exploration generally include deep penetration seismic airgun surveys, electromagnetic surveys, deep stratigraphic and shallow test drilling, and various remote-sensing methods.

The geological and geophysical activities are described in a final programmatic environmental impact statement by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management titled "Atlantic OCS Proposed Geological and Geophysical Activities, Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Planning Areas."

Actions Timeline

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