

HR 1492

Methane Waste Prevention Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Energy

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CO • **Chamber:** House

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| Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13] | D · NY | | Mar 2, 2021 |
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| Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4] | D · MN | | Mar 8, 2021 |
| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large] | D · VT | | Mar 8, 2021 |
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| Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20] | D · FL | | Mar 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49] | D · CA | | Mar 16, 2021 |
| Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6] | D · IL | | Mar 26, 2021 |
| Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45] | D · CA | | Mar 26, 2021 |
| Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8] | D · PA | | May 4, 2021 |
| Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3] | D · NM | | May 4, 2021 |
| Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7] | D · CO | | May 4, 2021 |
| Rep. Tlaib, Rashida [D-MI-13] | D · MI | | May 4, 2021 |
| Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16] | D · TX | | Jun 23, 2021 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House | Referred to | Mar 3, 2021 |
| Natural Resources Committee | House | Discharged from | Apr 28, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Energy

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Dec 30, 2022)

Methane Waste Prevention Act of 2021

This bill establishes requirements to reduce methane emissions from the oil and natural gas sector. Methane is emitted during the production and transport of coal, natural gas, and oil.

Specifically, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must issue regulations that require the sector to reduce methane emissions over time. By 2025, methane emissions must be at least 65% below 2012 emissions. By 2030, the emissions must be at least 90% below 2012 emissions.

The Department of the Interior must also establish regulations to reduce and prevent the waste of natural gas on federal land and Indian lands, including waste from venting, flaring, and fugitive releases. The regulations must include consistent enforcement mechanisms for any oil or gas operations that are not in compliance.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 30, 2022:** Reported by the Committee on Natural Resources. H. Rept. 117-672, Part I.
- **Dec 30, 2022:** Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged.
- **Dec 30, 2022:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 491.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources Discharged.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 20.
- **Mar 9, 2021:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
- **Mar 3, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **Mar 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 2, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.