

## HR 861

### Alerting Localities of Environmental Risks and Threats Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Environmental Protection

**Introduced:** Feb 5, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change. (Feb 8, 2021)

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Casten, Sean [D-IL-6]	D · IL		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Feb 5, 2021
Rep. Jones, Mondaire [D-NY-17]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Foster, Bill [D-IL-11]	D · IL		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 8, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2022
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		May 10, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 8, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 1512	Related bill	Jun 30, 2022: Subcommittee Hearings Held.

## Summary (as of Feb 5, 2021)

### Alerting Localities of Environmental Risks and Threats Act of 2021

This bill requires the owner or operator of a facility where hazardous chemicals are produced, used, or stored to hold a public meeting within 72 hours of the release of an extremely hazardous substance. The owner or operator must publish a notice in a local newspaper, giving at least 24 hours of notice before the public meeting. Such notice must be posted at a local library, other local government buildings, and on the facility's public website.

The bill also requires the owner or operator of a facility to hold an annual public meeting, where specified information regarding the extremely hazardous substances at the facility must be disclosed. Notice for such meeting must be published in a local newspaper at least a week in advance of the meeting. The bill provides for a civil penalty if such public meeting and notice requirements are not met.

## Actions Timeline

- **Feb 8, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 5, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.