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Legacy Mine Cleanup Act of 2024

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Environmental Protection

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]

Party: Democratic • State: AZ • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Feb 29, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Reported By	Mar 12, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes an office within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to coordinate the EPA's response actions at abandoned mine sites and establish and disseminate best practices for mine site response actions. The bill specifically addresses the land, water, and surrounding watersheds where extraction, beneficiation, or processing of hardrock ores or minerals occurred but has been discontinued, including temporarily.

The EPA must annually identify abandoned mine sites that are prioritized for response actions by coordinating with EPA regional offices, federal agencies, states, Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Corporations, and stakeholders. The EPA must also regularly coordinate with its regional offices on response actions and share best practices with respect to each site identified for priority response actions.

By September 30, 2027, and every 10 years after, the EPA must cooperate with specified entities (e.g., the Department of Energy) and consult with affected tribal governments to develop a 10-year interagency plan for coordinating response actions at Navajo Nation abandoned uranium mine sites.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 16, 2024:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Received in the House.
- **Apr 16, 2024:** Held at the desk.
- **Apr 15, 2024:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with amendments by Voice Vote.
- **Apr 15, 2024:** Passed Senate with amendments by Voice Vote.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Committee on Environment and Public Works. Reported by Senator Carper with amendments. Without written report.
- **Mar 12, 2024:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 344.
- **Feb 29, 2024:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 29, 2024:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.