

HR 4811

Safe Hydration is an American Right in Energy Development Act of 2023

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 20, 2023)

Safe Hydration is an American Right in Energy Development Act of 2023

This bill requires hydraulic fracturing operations to test for and report on underground sources of drinking water that are contaminated by such operations. Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a process to extract underground resources such as oil or gas from a geologic formation by injecting water, a propping agent (e.g., sand), and chemical additives into a well under enough pressure to fracture the geological formation.

Specifically, this bill revises requirements governing state underground injection control programs. In order to obtain primary enforcement responsibility for such programs, states must prohibit the underground injection of fluids or propping agents pursuant to hydraulic fracturing operations related to oil, gas, or geothermal production activities unless the hydraulic fracturing operations agree to test for and report on contamination of drinking water.

Hydraulic fracturing operations are exempted from those testing and reporting requirements if there is no accessible underground source of drinking water within a radius of one mile of the site where the operations occur.

The Environmental Protection Agency must establish and maintain a publicly accessible and searchable database of the testing results.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 21, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials.
- **Jul 20, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 20, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.