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Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Projects Act

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Committee Activity

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2811	Related bill	May 4, 2023: Committee on the Budget. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 118-76.
118 HR 1	Related bill	Mar 30, 2023: The Clerk was authorized to correct section numbers, punctuation, and cross references, and to make other necessary technical and conforming corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 1.
118 HR 1115	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 15.
118 S 947	Related bill	Mar 22, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
118 HR 829	Related bill	Feb 17, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate and Grid Security.

## **Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Projects Act**

This bill expands the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to act as the only lead agency for the purpose of coordinating the environmental review process under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) of natural gas pipeline project applications under the Natural Gas Act. Thus, federal, state, and local agencies involved in the environmental review process must defer to FERC's approved scope for a NEPA review.

FERC must invite and designate the other participating agencies involved in the authorization process. In addition, FERC must consult with the Transportation Security Administration regarding pipeline infrastructure security, pipeline cybersecurity, pipeline personnel security, and other pipeline security measures.

The bill establishes a deadline for agencies to complete NEPA reviews of pipeline projects and requires concurrent reviews when multiple federal or state agencies are involved.

If a federal or state agency requires the person applying for a pipeline authorization to submit data, the agency must consider any such data gathered by aerial or other remote means that the person submits.

## **Actions Timeline**

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