

Union Calendar No. 460

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4012

[Report No. 113–619]

To prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2014

Mr. SCHWEIKERT (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. HALL, Mr. BROWN of Georgia, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. OLSON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. SALMON, and Mr. FRANKS of Arizona) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

Additional sponsors: Mr. GOSAR, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. NUNNELEE, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. GARRETT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. MEADOWS, Mrs. MCMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. SCHOCK, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. KLINE, Mr. FLORES, Mr. BARTON, Mr. DESANTIS, Mr. FORBES, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. BENTIVOLIO, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. ROONEY, Mr. COTTON, and Mr. ADERHOLT

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Secret Science Reform
5 Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. DATA TRANSPARENCY.**

7 Section 6(b) of the Environmental Research, Devel-
8 opment, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978
9 (42 U.S.C. 4363 note) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(b)(1) The Administrator shall not propose, finalize,
11 or disseminate a covered action unless all scientific and
12 technical information relied on to support such covered ac-
13 tion is—

14 “(A) specifically identified; and

15 “(B) publicly available in a manner that is suf-
16 ficient for independent analysis and substantial re-
17 production of research results.

18 “(2) Nothing in the subsection shall be construed as
19 requiring the public dissemination of information the dis-
20 closure of which is prohibited by law.

21 “(3) In this subsection—

22 “(A) the term ‘covered action’ means a risk, ex-
23 posure, or hazard assessment, criteria document,
24 standard, limitation, regulation, regulatory impact
25 analysis, or guidance; and

1 “(B) the term ‘scientific and technical informa-
2 tion’ includes—

3 “(i) materials, data, and associated proto-
4 cols necessary to understand, assess, and ex-
5 tend conclusions;

6 “(ii) computer codes and models involved
7 in the creation and analysis of such informa-
8 tion;

9 “(iii) recorded factual materials; and

10 “(iv) detailed descriptions of how to access
11 and use such information.”.

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