

Union Calendar No. 23

114TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1030

[Report No. 114–34]

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 24, 2015

Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. BABIN, Mrs. COMSTOCK, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. PEARCE, and Mr. CRAWFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

MARCH 2, 2015

Additional sponsors: Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. BARTON, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania

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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 2015”.

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) the best available science;

15 “(B) specifically identified; and

16 “(C) publicly available online in a manner that
17 is sufficient for independent analysis and substantial
18 reproduction of research results.

19 “(2) Nothing in the subsection shall be construed
20 as—

21 “(A) requiring the Administrator to disseminate
22 scientific and technical information; or

23 “(B) superseding any nondiscretionary statu-
24 tory requirement.

25 “(3) In this subsection—

1 “(A) the term ‘covered action’ means a risk, ex-
2 posure, or hazard assessment, criteria document,
3 standard, limitation, regulation, regulatory impact
4 analysis, or guidance; and

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

7 “(i) materials, data, and associated proto-
8 cols necessary to understand, assess, and ex-
9 tend conclusions;

10 “(ii) computer codes and models involved
11 in the creation and analysis of such informa-
12 tion;

13 “(iii) recorded factual materials; and

14 “(iv) detailed descriptions of how to access
15 and use such information.

16 “(4) The Administrator shall carry out this sub-
17 section in a manner that does not exceed \$1,000,000 per
18 fiscal year, to be derived from amounts otherwise author-
19 ized to be appropriated.”.

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