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# H. R. 1152

To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise certain ethylene oxide emissions standards under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. CASTEN of Illinois, and Ms. UNDERWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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. ETHYLENE OXIDE EMISSIONS STANDARDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the  
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the  
6 Environmental Protection Agency (referred to in this sec-  
7 tion as the “Administrator”) shall amend—

1           (1) subparts O and FFFF of part 63 of title  
2           40, Code of Federal Regulations, to revise the stand-  
3           ards for the emission of ethylene oxide under those  
4           subparts based on the results described in the report  
5           of the National Center for Environmental Assess-  
6           ment of the Environmental Protection Agency enti-  
7           tled “Evaluation of the Inhalation Carcinogenicity of  
8           Ethylene Oxide” and dated December 2016; and

9           (2) subpart O of part 63 of title 40, Code of  
10          Federal Regulations, to apply maximum achievable  
11          control technology (within the meaning of the Clean  
12          Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.)) requirements to  
13          chamber exhaust vents.

14          (b) NOTIFICATION.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after  
16          the Administrator learns of a violation of the stand-  
17          ards revised under subsection (a), the Administrator  
18          shall notify the public of the violation in a manner  
19          determined to be appropriate by the Administrator.

20           (2) FAILURE TO NOTIFY.—If the Administrator  
21          fails to notify the public under paragraph (1) by the  
22          end of the period described in that paragraph, the  
23          Inspector General of the Environmental Protection  
24          Agency shall carry out an investigation to deter-  
25          mine—

1           (A) the reason or reasons for which the  
2 Administrator failed to notify the public;

3           (B) the public health risks associated with  
4 the failure of the Administrator to notify the  
5 public; and

6           (C) any steps the Administrator should  
7 take to ensure the Administrator meets the re-  
8 quirements described in paragraph (1) in the  
9 future.

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