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H. R. 5991

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure the completion of a marginal well study by the Secretary of Energy so as to inform the development of certain rules under the Clean Air Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. ESTES, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. COLE, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. CHENEY, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. BABIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Science-Based Emis-
5 sions Standards Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING COMPLETION OF MARGINAL WELL**
2 **STUDY PRIOR TO REPLACEMENT METHANE**
3 **RULES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Administrator of the Envi-
5 ronmental Protection Agency may not finalize any rule to
6 amend the new source performance standards under sec-
7 tion 111 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7411) (including
8 the regulations thereunder, including subpart OOOOa of
9 part 60 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations), to re-
10 duce methane emissions from new and modified oil and
11 natural gas facilities until the Secretary of Energy—

12 (1) completes and publishes the results of the
13 study titled “Quantification of Methane Emissions
14 from Marginal (Small Producing) Oil and Gas
15 Wells” (project number DE–FE0031702); and

16 (2) provides a period of at least 90 days for
17 public comment on the application of the results of
18 such study to inform such rule.

19 (b) **CONSIDERATION OF MARGINAL WELL STUDY.**—
20 In finalizing any rule described in subsection (a), the Ad-
21 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency shall
22 take into consideration the results of such study.

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