

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To amend the Clean Air Act to modify the handling of air quality monitoring with respect to actions that mitigate wildfire risk, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Wildfire Emissions
5 Prevention Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. AIR QUALITY MONITORING DATA INFLUENCED BY**
7 **EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIONS THAT**
8 **MITIGATE WILDFIRE RISK.**

9 Section 319(b) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.
10 7619(b)) is amended—

1 (IV), respectively, and indenting appro-
2 priately;

3 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
5 by striking “In this subsection, the” and
6 inserting “The”; and

7 (ii) by redesignating each of clauses
8 (i) through (iii) as subclauses (I) through
9 (III), respectively, and indenting appro-
10 priately;

11 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
12 and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and
13 indenting appropriately; and

14 (D) by striking the paragraph designation
15 and heading and all that follows through “this
16 section:” in the matter preceding clause (i) (as
17 so redesignated) and inserting the following:

18 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 “(A) ACTION THAT MITIGATES WILDFIRE
20 RISK.—The term ‘action that mitigates wildfire
21 risk’ means—

22 “(i) a prescribed fire;

23 “(ii) any action, undertaken in accord-
24 ance with State-approved practices—

1 “(I) to reduce the risk and sever-
2 ity of wildfires; and

3 “(II) to establish, restore, or
4 maintain a sustainable and resilient
5 wildland ecosystem or conserve a spe-
6 cies identified as a species of greatest
7 conservation need or listed as a
8 threatened species or an endangered
9 species under section 4 of the Endan-
10 gered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.
11 1533); or

12 “(iii) any other action determined by
13 the Chief of the Forest Service to be appli-
14 cable to reduce the risk and severity of
15 wildfires.

16 “(B) EXCEPTIONAL EVENT.—”;

17 (3) in paragraph (2)—

18 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) and in-
19 serting the following:

20 “(A) PROPOSED REVISIONS.—Not later
21 than 270 days after the date of enactment of
22 the Wildfire Emissions Prevention Act of 2025,
23 the Administrator, after consultation with Fed-
24 eral land managers, State air pollution control
25 agencies, State foresters, and State fish and

1 wildlife agencies, shall publish in the Federal
2 Register revisions to existing regulations pro-
3 mulgated under this section to govern the re-
4 view of State determinations and handling of
5 air quality monitoring data influenced by excep-
6 tional events or actions that mitigate wildfire
7 risk.”; and

8 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

9 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
10 striking “REGULATIONS” and inserting
11 “REVISIONS”;

12 (ii) by striking “proposed regulations”
13 each place it appears and inserting “pro-
14 posed revisions”;

15 (iii) by striking “1 year” and insert-
16 ing “180 days”; and

17 (iv) by striking “promulgate final reg-
18 ulations” and all that follows through the
19 period at the end and inserting “finalize
20 the revisions under subparagraph (A) to
21 regulations promulgated under this section
22 to govern the review of State determina-
23 tions and handling of air quality moni-
24 toring data influenced by exceptional

1 events or actions that mitigate wildfire risk
2 that are consistent with paragraph (3).”;

3 (4) in paragraph (3)—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by striking
5 “manner, an appropriate” and inserting “man-
6 ner in an appropriate”; and

7 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

8 (i) in clause (i), by inserting “or an
9 action that mitigates wildfire risk” after
10 “an exceptional event”;

11 (ii) in clause (ii)—

12 (I) by inserting “or be reasonably
13 expected to exist” after “must exist”;
14 and

15 (II) by striking “exceptional
16 event” each place it appears and in-
17 serting “exceptional event or action
18 that mitigates wildfire risk”; and

19 (iii) in clause (iv)—

20 (I) by striking “Governor of a
21 State to petition the Administrator”
22 and inserting “Administrator to re-
23 view State determinations”;

1 (II) by inserting “or actions that
 2 mitigate wildfire risk” after “excep-
 3 tional events”;

4 (III) by striking “with respect to
 5 exceedances” and inserting the fol-
 6 lowing: “with respect to—

7 “(I) exceedances”;

8 (IV) in subclause (I) (as so des-
 9 ignated), by striking the period at the
 10 end and inserting “; or”; and

11 (V) by adding at the end the fol-
 12 lowing:

13 “(II) the designation, redesigna-
 14 tion, classification, or reclassification
 15 of an area, the demonstration by a
 16 State of attainment of a national am-
 17 bient air quality standard, or other
 18 determinations by the Administrator
 19 for determining compliance with this
 20 Act.”; and

21 (5) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
 22 following:

23 “(4) REGIONAL, NATIONAL, OR INTERNATIONAL
 24 EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS.—At the request of multiple
 25 State or local government agencies or Tribal au-

1 thorities, the Administrator shall conduct analyses
2 or otherwise collaborate with such agencies or au-
3 thorities to lead the development of regional, na-
4 tional, or international exceptional event demonstra-
5 tions when exceptional events impact multijuris-
6 dictional areas.”.