



Discussion Draft Summary
Toxic Chemicals Safety Act of 2010
Committee on Energy and Commerce

On April 15, 2010, Chairmen Bobby L. Rush and Henry Waxman released a discussion draft of the Toxic Chemicals Safety Act of 2010. The draft would amend the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 to ensure that the public and the environment are protected from risks of chemical exposure.

The following briefly summarizes the key provisions of the Toxic Chemicals Safety Act of 2010.

- Improves EPA's authority to reduce risk from exposure to toxic chemicals.
- Requires the chemical industry to submit to EPA the data it needs and improves EPA's authority to compel testing by the chemical industry.
- Ensures that information submitted to EPA is not improperly withheld from public disclosure and promotes the sharing of confidential information between regulators and with workers in the chemical industry.
- Establishes an expedited process for EPA to reduce risk from exposure to certain chemical substances where the risks posed to health and the environment has been well documented.
- Gives EPA the resources it needs to comply with this Act.
- Ensures EPA actions are not unreasonably encumbered by judicial review.
- Requires EPA to modify the way it reviews the unique set of chemicals that are persistent and bioaccumulative.
- Establishes a program to further the understanding of the vulnerability of children to chemicals.
- Encourages the reduction of the use of animals in chemical testing.
- Creates market incentives for safer alternatives to existing chemicals.
- Requires EPA to cooperate in international efforts.
- Addresses the public exposure of toxic chemicals in certain "hot spot" locations.