

Federal Air Quality Bills – 108th Congress in the United States

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Clear Skies Act of 2005	<p>S.131 Sponsor: Sen Jim Inhofe, (OK) (introduced 1/24/2005) Cosponsors (1) Sen. George Voinovich (OH)</p> <p>Title: A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce air pollution through expansion of cap and trade programs, to provide an alternative regulatory classification for units subject to the cap and trade program.</p> <p>2/3/05 Update: Legislation was introduced on Jan. 24, 2005 and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. A hearing was held Feb. 2, 2005.</p> <p>3/3/05 Update: Committee mark up has now been delayed three times as members try to work out a compromise. Mark up is tentatively set for March 9, 2005.</p> <p>3/9/05 Update: Committee mark up held. Legislation dies in committee on a 9-9 tie vote.</p>
Highway Reauthorization Bill	<p>H.R. 3</p> <p>Chairman Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) announced at the first House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee meeting of the 109th congressional session Feb. 2, that a highway bill similar to the one that failed in the last congressional session will be introduced in Congress the week of Feb. 7 and then hold a markup the week of Feb. 14.</p> <p>3/3/05 Update: The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved a transportation bill that guarantees \$284 billion over the next six years in spending for highway and transit projects on March 2. The administration has signed off on the current version of the House bill, and the Senate is also expected to mark up a bill in the next few weeks at the \$284 billion level.</p> <p>3/10/05 Update: The House passed H.R. 3 by a vote of 417-9.</p> <p>3/16/05 Update: The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed its version (\$284 billion) of the bill out of committee.</p>
Clean Power Act of 2005	<p>S. 150</p> <p>Sponsors: Senator Jim Jeffords (I-VT) (introduced 1/25/05)</p> <p>Title: A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, and for other purposes.</p> <p>3/3/05 Update: Referred to Committee on Environment and</p>

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	Public Works where it is currently pending.
Biofuels Energy Independence Act of 2005	<p>H.R. 388</p> <p>Sponsor: Representative Marcy Kaptur (introduced 1/26/05)</p> <p>Title: To provide for a Biofuels Feedstocks Energy Reserve, and to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make and guarantee loans for the production, distribution, development, and storage of biofuels.</p> <p>3/3/05 Update: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture where it is currently pending.</p>
Climate Stewardship Act of 2005	<p>S. 342</p> <p>Sponsor: Senator John McCain (introduced 2/10/05)</p> <p>Title: bill to provide for a program of scientific research on abrupt climate change, to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances.</p> <p>3/3/05 Update: Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works where it is currently pending.</p>
Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technology Act of 2005	<p>S. 665</p> <p>Sponsor: Senator Byron Dorgan (introduced 3/17/05)</p> <p>Title: A bill to reauthorize and improve the Spark M. Matsunaga Hydrogen Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1990 to establish a program to commercialize hydrogen and fuel cell technology</p> <p>3/17/05 Update: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources</p>
Renewable Energy Production Incentive Reform Act of 2005	H.R. 622

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	<p>Sponsor: Representative Mary Bono (introduced 2/8/05)</p> <p>Title: To reauthorize and revise the Renewable Energy Production Incentive program.</p> <p>2/8/05: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce</p>
<p>Climate Change Technology Deployment and Infrastructure Credit Act of 2005</p>	<p>S. 388</p> <p>Sponsor: Senator Chuck Hagel (introduced 2/15/05)</p> <p>Title: A bill to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out activities that promote the adoption of technologies that reduce greenhouse gas intensity and to provide credit-based financial assistance and investment protection for projects that employ advanced climate technologies or systems.</p> <p>2/15/05 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources</p>