



Summary of Amendments to H.R. 2681
CEMENT SECTOR REGULATORY RELIEF ACT
Committee on Energy and Commerce, Democratic Staff

The Ranking Member Recommends an AYE Vote on All Amendments

1. **Schakowsky** – The amendment adds a finding that mercury pollution from cement kilns is a potent neurotoxin that can damage the development of an infant’s brain.
2. **Moore** – The amendment provides that the Act does not go into effect unless the President certifies that implementation of the Act will not adversely affect public health and will not have a disproportionately negative impact on subpopulations most at risk from hazardous air pollutants.
3. **Edwards** – The amendment adds a finding that if the rules for cement kilns remain in effect, they will yield annual public health benefits of \$6.7 to \$18 billion, while costs are \$926 to \$950 million.
4. **Jackson Lee** – The amendment requires compliance no later than 3 years after a final rule is promulgated.
5. **Keating** – The amendment states that compliance dates in the Clean Air Act apply, except that an additional year can be provided based upon a compelling reason.
6. **Blumenauer** – The amendment adds a finding that the Clean Air Act required all air toxic standards to be promulgated by the year 2000 and implemented by 2003, and incinerator rules to be promulgated by the year 1994 and implemented by 1999.
7. **Rush** – The amendment states that section 5 is intended to supplement, not supersede, sections 112 or 129 of the Clean Air Act.
8. **Quigley**– The amendment adds a section stating the Administrator shall not delay actions to reduce emissions from any cement kiln if such emissions are increasing the risk of cancer.
9. **Waxman (9)** – The amendment assures compliance with discretionary CutGo by providing that the Act shall cease to be effective if the Director of OMB determines that the Act authorizes the appropriation of funds without an offsetting reduction in an existing authorization of appropriations.
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11. **Waxman (11)** – The amendment adds a section stating the Administrator shall not delay actions to reduce emissions from any cement kiln if such emissions are harming brain development or causing learning disabilities in infants or children.
12. **Ellison (12)** – The amendment strikes “non-air quality,” requiring the Administrator to take into consideration any health and environmental impacts when proposing a new date of compliance.
13. **Ellison (13)** – The amendment strikes section 5.

14. **Ellison (14)** – The amendment requires EPA to publish the estimated public health impacts of delaying the rules as required by the Act.
15. **Hahn** – The regulations shall stay in effect for any pollution source located in any of the 10 metropolitan areas of the U.S. with the worst air quality.
16. **Markey** – The amendment adds a finding that if the rules remain in effect, they are expected to reduce the amount of mercury that deposits on land and water by up to 30% in some areas of the western U.S. and up to 17% in some areas of the eastern U.S.
17. **Capps**– The amendment adds a finding that if the rules are in effect, then for every dollar in costs, the rules will provide at least \$7 to \$19 in health benefits due to the avoidance of: 960 to 2,500 premature deaths; 1,500 nonfatal heart attacks; 1,000 emergency room visits; 17,000 cases of aggravated asthma; and 130,000 days of missed work.
18. **Connolly (18)** – The amendment adds a section stating the Administrator shall not delay actions to reduce emissions from any cement kiln if such emissions are causing respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses and deaths, including cases of heart attacks, asthma attacks and bronchitis.
19. **Connolly (19)** – The amendment adds a section stating the Administrator shall not delay actions to reduce emissions from any cement kiln if such emissions are causing respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses and deaths, including cases of heart attacks, asthma attacks and bronchitis, in nonattainment areas.
20. **Welch**– The amendment adds a finding that people are exposed to mercury from industrial sources through the consumption of fish containing mercury, and every state has issued at least one mercury advisory for fish consumption.
21. **Pallone**– The amendment adds a finding that recognizes the HHS report “Healthy People 2020,” and adds a section stating the Act does not go into effect if it interferes with achieving that report’s goal of reducing exposure to mercury pollution.
22. **Garamendi**– The amendment strikes the bill and replaces with a sense of Congress that we should adopt Buy America requirements because other nations often have weaker environmental requirements.
23. **Cohen**– The amendment requires EPA to take into account potential reductions in the number of illness-related absences from work due to respiratory illnesses, when proposing a new compliance date.