



SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ENERGY & MINERAL RESOURCES
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

114TH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Under Chairman Doug Lamborn (R-CO), the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources worked to rein in burdensome regulatory policies impacting energy production and mining on federal lands, and pursued aggressive oversight against harmful executive regulations, rules and actions. Members also led a two year examination of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and selective application or outright circumvention of the statute by the executive branch.

The subcommittee also led the development and passage by the Full Committee of comprehensive mining reclamation reforms and was instrumental in the crafting of legislation to address Puerto Rico's fiscal crisis and energy shortfalls.

BY THE NUMBERS:

- 17 Oversight Hearings
- 9 Legislative Hearings
- 8 Full Committee Oversight Hearings
- 2 Field Hearings

KEY OVERSIGHT:

National Environmental Policy Act: Held a series of hearings on NEPA demonstrating the need to modernize the statute and prevent it from being used as a bureaucratic tool to block or impede energy and infrastructure development

Puerto Rico: Oversight on Puerto Rico's energy infrastructure and the significant bureaucratic challenges facing the Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority (PREPA)

Regulatory Overreach: Conducted oversight hearings bringing attention to the questionable statutory justification relied on by the Obama Administration in the promulgation of a number of costly, job-killing regulations, including the hydraulic fracturing rule, methane venting and flaring rule, and oil and gas valuation rule

Statutory Implementation: Successfully persuaded the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to correctly implement non-allocated helium sales as required by the Helium Stewardship Act and to initiate online lease sales as required by the 2015 National Defense Authorization Act

KEY LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

H.R. 5278: Puerto Rico Oversight, Management & Economic Stability Act – *signed into law*

Bipartisan legislation creating an independent oversight board to oversee the territory's financial overhaul and facilitate much-needed energy and infrastructure development

H.R. 1937: National Strategic and Critical Minerals Production Act of 2015 – *passed House*

Legislation streamlining the permitting process currently impeding domestic mineral development to promote American manufacturing competitiveness and economic growth

H.R. 3881: Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act of 2016 – *passed House*

Legislation clarifying and codifying the repeatedly upheld decision by federal courts to protect the rights of private mineral owners in Pennsylvania's Allegheny National Forest

H.R. 1644: Supporting Transparent Regulatory & Environmental Actions in Mining Act – *passed House*

Legislation increasing transparency in the development of regulations concerning stream buffer zones

H.R. 5577: Innovation in Offshore Leasing Act – *passed House*

Bipartisan legislation modernizing the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's offshore leasing process through the use of internet-based oil and natural gas lease sales

H.R. 2295: National Energy Security Corridors Act – *passed House*

Bipartisan legislation streamlining the approval process for natural gas pipelines across federal lands to better serve American families and businesses

H.R. 3844: The Bureau of Land Management Foundation Act – *passed House*

Bipartisan legislation, included as part of the Committee's comprehensive mining reclamation package, establishing a new foundation to assist federal land management agencies with raising funds for abandoned mine lands cleanup efforts

Comprehensive Mining Reclamation Legislation – *passed Committee*

A trio of bills comprehensively addressing the existing funding, technical and legal impediments to abandoned mine cleanup (H.R. 3734, the Mining Schools Enhancement Act, H.R. 3844, the Bureau of Land Management Foundation Act, and H.R. 3843, the Locatable Minerals Claim Location and Maintenance Fees Act)