

Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | April 3 - April 7, 2023

Highlights:

The [Precision Agriculture Loan Program Act of 2023](#) (H.R.1495) was introduced in the House with bipartisan cosponsorship. The bill would create a program that loans funds for producers to purchase precision agriculture equipment, which includes technology like GPS mapping, crop and soil sensors, and the Internet of Things. Precision agriculture has the power to yield climate and economic benefits for producers by allowing them to make their operations more [efficient](#), such as by helping calibrate usage of [inputs](#) like fertilizers, pesticides, and water.

The [Free to Grow Act of 2023](#) (H.R.1428) was also introduced in the House with bipartisan cosponsorship. The bill would repeal previous legislation that prohibited people with felony drug convictions from growing hemp. Hemp's potential as an environmentally-friendly [input](#) for products like paper, textiles, fuel, and [building materials](#) have made it a hot topic in the upcoming Farm Bill. EESI [summarized](#) the climate and environmental takeaways of the House Agriculture Committee's hearing on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Hemp Production Plan. For more on agricultural policy ahead of the 2023 Farm Bill, check out EESI's Farm Bill [page](#).

April 7, 2023

Senate

There was no environmental or energy-related activity in the Senate.

House

Committee Action:

[H.R.2504](#)

To require the Corps of Engineers to prohibit certain discharges of water at Lake Okeechobee, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Mast, Brian J. \[Rep.-R-FL-21\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

[H.R.2505](#)

To require the Corps of Engineers to notify affected communities before releasing water contaminated with cyanotoxins from flood risk management structures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Mast, Brian J. \[Rep.-R-FL-21\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/07/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

April 6, 2023

Senate

There was no environmental or energy-related activity in the Senate.

House

Committee Action:

[H.R.2487](#)

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to consider nuclear power to be a green source of energy, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.R.2488](#)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make advanced nuclear facilities eligible for the qualifying advanced energy project credit.

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[H.R.2504](#)

To require the Corps of Engineers to prohibit certain discharges of water at Lake Okeechobee, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Mast, Brian J. \[Rep.-R-FL-21\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

[H.R.2505](#)

To require the Corps of Engineers to notify affected communities before releasing water contaminated with cyanotoxins from flood risk management structures, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Mast, Brian J. \[Rep.-R-FL-21\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

[H.R.2520](#)

To require the Secretary of Labor to carry out a pilot program to award competitive grants to eligible entities to train individuals for careers in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ruiz, Raul \[Rep.-D-CA-25\]](#)

Committees: House - Education and the Workforce

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

[H.R.2521](#)

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act with respect to assistance for disadvantaged communities, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Ruiz, Raul \[Rep.-D-CA-25\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

[H.J.Res.53](#)

Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles: Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Standards".

Sponsor: [Nehls, Troy E. \[Rep.-R-TX-22\]](#)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 04/06/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

April 5, 2023

Senate

There was no environmental or energy-related activity in the Senate.

House

Committee Action:

[H.R. 1495](#)

Precision Agriculture Loan Program Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Feenstra, Randy \[Rep.-R-IA-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

[H.R.1527](#)

SOAR Act

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

[H.R.1567](#)

ACRES Act

Sponsor: [Tiffany, Thomas P. \[Rep.-R-WI-7\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

[H.R.1586](#)

Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023

Sponsor: [LaMalfa, Doug \[Rep.-R-CA-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/05/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

April 4, 2023

Senate

There was no environmental or energy-related activity in the Senate.

House

Committee Action:

[H.R.1274](#)

Lake Tahoe Restoration Reauthorization Act

Sponsor: [Amodei, Mark E. \[Rep.-R-NV-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Transportation and Infrastructure; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

[H.R.1290](#)

To amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to clarify propane storage as an eligible use for funds provided under the storage facility loan program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Finstad, Brad \[Rep.-R-MN-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Risk Management, and Credit.

[H.R.1319](#)

Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act

Sponsor: [Neguse, Joe \[Rep.-D-CO-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

[H.R.1362](#)

Saving America's Energy Future Act

Sponsor: [Pfluger, August \[Rep.-R-TX-11\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

[H.R.1380](#)

Protecting America's Rock Climbing Act

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Forestry.

[H.R.1426](#)

Floriculture and Nursery Plant Health Initiative Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Tokuda, Jill N. \[Rep.-D-HI-2\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation, Research, and Biotechnology.

[H.R.1428](#)

Free to Grow Act of 2023

Sponsor: [Trone, David J. \[Rep.-D-MD-6\]](#)

Committees: House - Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 04/04/2023 Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture.

April 3, 2023

Senate

There was no environmental or energy-related activity in the Senate.

House

Committee Action:

[H.R.2459](#)

To establish a competitive grant program to support the conservation and recovery of native plant and animal species in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Case, Ed \[Rep.-D-HI-1\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/03/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources

[H.R.2468](#)

To require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Owens, Burgess \[Rep.-R-UT-4\]](#)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 04/03/2023 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources