

## Environment & Energy Congressional Round-Up | December 2 - December 6, 2024

### Highlights:

The House passed the *Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act* ([H.R.7872/S.2514](#)). The bill would [bolster](#) the Salinity Control Program to reduce the Colorado River's high salinity levels, which have recently threatened biodiversity and decreased water availability for household and agricultural use. Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah) and Sens. Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.) introduced the bill alongside bipartisan cosponsors. EESI's [Resilient and Healthy Rivers](#) briefing series discusses environmental, economic, and health impacts of riverine issues across the country's key river basins.

The Senate passed the *Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act of 2024* ([S.3738](#)). Sens. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and J.D. Vance (R-Ohio) introduced the bill, which [reauthorizes](#) and increases funding for the [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative](#) to address ongoing and emerging threats to the Great Lakes system. Reps. David Joyce (R-Ohio), Marcy Kaptur (D-Ohio), Bill Huizenga (R-Mich.), and Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.) lead the bill in the House ([H.R.7257](#)).

The House passed the *Fishery Improvement to Streamline untimely regulatory Hurdles post Emergency Situation (FISHES) Act* ([H.R.5103](#)). Reps. Byron Donalds (R-Fla.) and Mary Peltola (D-Alaska) introduced the bill to [expedite](#) federal disaster relief following fishery disaster declarations. The bill has since moved to the Senate for consideration.

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure advanced the *Weather Alert Response and Notification (WARN) Act* ([H.R. 2892](#)). The bipartisan bill, conceived by Rep. Nicholas Langworthy (R-N.Y.) would mandate a [study](#) on the effectiveness of federal, state, and local emergency alerts systems and the utility of new technological innovations in improving preparedness for and responses to natural disasters.

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### **December 6, 2024**

#### **House:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

[H.R.10321](#)

**To amend the definition of "production facility" in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to exclude an equipment or device capable of reprocessing spent nuclear fuel in a manner that does not separate plutonium from other transuranic elements, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Latta, Robert E. \[Rep.-R-OH-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/06/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### **[H.R.10325](#)**

**To require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a program for post-disaster reforestation and restoration Program, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Pettersen, Brittany \[Rep.-D-CO-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources; Agriculture

Latest Action: House - 12/06/2024 Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### **Bills Reported:**

### **[H.R.7779](#)**

**Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Maloy, Celeste \[Rep.-R-UT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (32)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure; Energy and Commerce; Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/06/2024 House Committee on Natural Resources Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 19, 2024.

### **Senate:**

The Senate did not meet today.

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**December 5, 2024**

### **House:**

## **Bills Introduced:**

### **[H.R.10300](#)**

**To provide for congressional review of rules with respect to which the agency explicitly relied on Chevron deference in the notice of proposed rulemaking or a Federal court upheld the rule based on Chevron deference.**

Sponsor: [Bice, Stephanie I. \[Rep.-R-OK-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (21)

Committees: House - Judiciary; Oversight and Accountability; Rules; Budget

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, Rules, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### **[H.R.10303](#)**

**To direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a grant program to assist projects that use nonlethal coexistence measures to reduce property damage caused by native beavers, a keystone species, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [DelBene, Suzan K. \[Rep.-D-WA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **[H.R.10304](#)**

**To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to revise section 61.206 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, to approve certain distribution or use of phosphogypsum, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Frost, Maxwell \[Rep.-D-FL-10\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

### **[H.R.10308](#)**

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for payments to certain individuals who dye fuel, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Moore, Gwen \[Rep.-D-WI-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (8)

Committees: House - Ways and Means

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

### **[H.R.10309](#)**

**To make certain funds available to provide assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act in response to Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Ogles, Andrew \[Rep.-R-TN-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: House - Appropriations; Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### [H.R.10314](#)

**To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a National Resilience and Recovery Fund, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Stansbury, Melanie A. \[Rep.-D-NM-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Ways and Means; Transportation and Infrastructure; Financial Services

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

### [H.R.10315](#)

**To withhold bilateral, multilateral, and humanitarian non-defense foreign assistance with respect to which of the President has declared a disaster under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act.**

Sponsor: [Steube, W. Gregory \[Rep.-R-FL-17\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

## **Bills Reported:**

### [H.R.2892](#)

#### **WARN Act**

Sponsor: [Langworthy, Nicholas A. \[Rep.-R-NY-23\]](#) Cosponsors: (23)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-814](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 666.

### [H.R.3378](#)

### **Agricultural Security Risk Review Act**

Sponsor: [Lucas, Frank D. \[Rep.-R-OK-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (6)

Committees: House - Financial Services; Energy and Commerce; Foreign Affairs

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 House Committee on Foreign Affairs Granted an extension for further consideration ending not later than Dec. 19, 2024.

### **[H.R.6435](#)**

#### **MALDEN Act**

Sponsor: [McMorris Rodgers, Cathy \[Rep.-R-WA-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 670.

### **[H.R.8728](#)**

#### **State-Managed Disaster Relief Act**

Sponsor: [Graves, Garret \[Rep.-R-LA-6\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 667.

### **[H.R.9024](#)**

#### **Extreme Weather and Heat Response Modernization Act**

Sponsor: [Titus, Dina \[Rep.-D-NV-1\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 665.

### **[H.R.9121](#)**

#### **Fire Management Assistance Grants for Tribal Governments Act**

Sponsor: [Davids, Sharice \[Rep.-D-KS-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 668.

### **[H.R.9541](#)**

#### **POWER Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Hoyle, Val T. \[Rep.-D-OR-4\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-808](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 660.

### **[H.R.9750](#)**

#### **Natural Disaster Recovery Program Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Rouzer, David \[Rep.-R-NC-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Transportation and Infrastructure

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 663.

**Passed House:**

**[H.R.8413](#)**

**Swanson and Hugh Butler Reservoirs Land Conveyances Act**

Sponsor: [Smith, Adrian \[Rep.-R-NE-3\]](#) Cosponsors: (5)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-735](#)

Latest Action: House - 12/05/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

**Senate:**

**Bills Introduced:**

**[S.5439](#)**

**A bill to provide for water conservation, drought operations, and drought resilience at water resources development projects, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Kelly, Mark \[Sen.-D-AZ\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/05/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

**[S.5440](#)**

**A bill to amend the Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 to provide that the President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the Chief of the Forest Service.**

Sponsor: [Lee, Mike \[Sen.-R-UT\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: Senate - 12/05/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

**[S.5441](#)**

**A bill to provide for offshore wind energy development, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Whitehouse, Sheldon \[Sen.-D-RI\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/05/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **[S.5446](#)**

**A bill to establish a program to fund electric public transportation in rural communities.**

Sponsor: [Welch, Peter \[Sen.-D-VT\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 12/05/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

### **[S.5447](#)**

**A bill to establish a grant program to assist projects that use nonlethal coexistence measures to reduce property damage caused by native beavers, a keystone species, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/05/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **[S.5451](#)**

**A bill to enhance the economic and national security of the United States by securing a reliable supply of critical minerals and rare earth elements through trade agreements and strategic partnerships.**

Sponsor: [Young, Todd \[Sen.-R-IN\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 12/05/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Passed Senate:**

### **[S.3606](#)**

**National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Padilla, Alex \[Sen.-D-CA\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: Senate - 12/05/2024 Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent

**Committee Meetings:**

## PFAS EXPOSURES

*Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight* concluded a [hearing](#) to examine the public health impacts of PFAS exposures, after receiving testimony from Laurel Schaidler, Silent Spring Institute, Newton, Massachusetts; Suzanne E. Fenton, North Carolina State University Center for Human Health and the Environment, Raleigh; and Michael Larranaga, American Industrial Hygiene Association, Dallas, Texas.

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**December 4, 2024**

**House:**

### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **[H.R.10292](#)**

**To require the Secretary of Commerce to produce distribution maps for certain species of whales, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Matsui, Doris O. \[Rep.-D-CA-7\]](#) Cosponsors: (3)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2024 Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

### **Bills Reported:**

#### **[H.R.6862](#)**

**Mineral Mining Parity Act**

Sponsor: [Lamborn, Doug \[Rep.-R-CO-5\]](#) Cosponsors: (4)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2024 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 655.

### **Passed House:**

#### **[H.R.390](#)**

**Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Enhancement Act**

Sponsor: [Stefanik, Elise M. \[Rep.-R-NY-21\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: House - Natural Resources



Latest Action: House - 12/04/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

### [H.R.8219](#)

#### **Lahaina National Heritage Area Study Act**

Sponsor: [Tokuda, Jill N. \[Rep.-D-HI-2\]](#) Cosponsors: (7)

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2024 Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

#### **Committee Meetings:**

#### **EXPOSING THE TRUTH ON LNG: HOW THE ADMINISTRATION PLAYED POLITICS WITH AMERICA'S ENERGY FUTURE**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs* held a [hearing](#) entitled "Exposing the Truth on LNG: How the Administration Played Politics with America's Energy Future". Testimony was heard from Brad Crabtree, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Department of Energy.

#### **Senate:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

### [S.5421](#)

**A bill to provide enhanced provisions for advanced nuclear energy projects receiving loan guarantees through the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Risch, James E. \[Sen.-R-ID\]](#) Cosponsors: (0)

Committees: Senate - Finance

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### **Bills Reported:**

### [S.1898](#)

**Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project Amendments Act of 2023**

Sponsor: [Lujan, Ben Ray \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (2)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 661.

#### [S.4442](#)

##### **Crow Tribe Water Rights Settlement Amendments Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Tester, Jon \[Sen.-D-MT\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 662.

#### [S.4505](#)

##### **Ohkay Owingeh Rio Chama Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 663.

#### [S.4643](#)

##### **Zuni Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 664.

#### [S.4998](#)

##### **Navajo Nation Rio San José Stream System Water Rights Settlement Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Heinrich, Martin \[Sen.-D-NM\]](#) Cosponsors: (1)

Committees: Senate - Indian Affairs

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 665.

#### **Passed Senate:**

#### [S.3738](#)

##### **GLRI Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Stabenow, Debbie \[Sen.-D-MI\]](#) Cosponsors: (13)

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Passed Senate with an amendment by Voice Vote.

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**December 3, 2024**

**House:**

**Passed House:**

**[H.R.5103](#)**

**FISHES Act**

Sponsor: [Donalds, Byron \[Rep.-R-FL-19\]](#) Cosponsors: ([49](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources | Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-733](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**[H.R.6843](#)**

**To expand the boundaries of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area to include Lafourche Parish, Louisiana.**

Sponsor: [Scalise, Steve \[Rep.-R-LA-1\]](#) Cosponsors: ([4](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-736](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Received in the Senate.

**[H.R.7332](#)**

**Utah State Parks Adjustment Act**

Sponsor: [Maloy, Celeste \[Rep.-R-UT-2\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-737](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 660.

**[H.R.7872](#)**

**Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act**

Sponsor: [Curtis, John R. \[Rep.-R-UT-3\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: House - Natural Resources

Committee Report: [H. Rept. 118-709](#)

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Received in the Senate.

**[S.3791](#)**

## **America's Conservation Enhancement Reauthorization Act of 2024**

Sponsor: [Carper, Thomas R. \[Sen.-D-DE\]](#) Cosponsors: ([15](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/04/2024 Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill.

### **Senate:**

#### **Passed Senate:**

#### **[S.2514](#)**

##### **Colorado River Salinity Control Fix Act**

Sponsor: [Bennet, Michael F. \[Sen.-D-CO\]](#) Cosponsors: ([10](#))

Committees: Senate - Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2024 Held at the desk.

#### **[S.3277](#)**

##### **A bill to amend the Marine Debris Act to reauthorize the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.**

Sponsor: [Sullivan, Dan \[Sen.-R-AK\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: Senate - Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Latest Action: House - 12/04/2024 Held at the desk.

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### **December 2, 2024**

#### **House:**

The House did not meet today.

#### **Senate:**

#### **Bills Introduced:**

#### **[S.5405](#)**

##### **A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to establish an Office of Transmission in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([2](#))

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 12/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

### **[S.5406](#)**

**A bill to establish an Office of Public Engagement and Participation within the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes.**

Sponsor: [Markey, Edward J. \[Sen.-D-MA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([0](#))

Committees: Senate - Environment and Public Works

Latest Action: Senate - 12/02/2024 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

### **[S.Res.918](#)**

**A resolution designating December 2, 2024, as "World Nuclear Energy Day".**

Sponsor: [Warner, Mark R. \[Sen.-D-VA\]](#) Cosponsors: ([12](#))

Committees: Senate - Judiciary