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# H. R. 5638

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HOULAHAN (for herself and Mr. MEUSER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Aldyl A Hazard Reduc-

5       tion and Community Safety Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION AND REMOVAL OF ALDYL A POLY-**  
2 **ETHYLENE PIPING.**

3 (a) VERIFICATION OF ALDYL A POLYETHYLENE PIP-  
4 ING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
5 of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation shall require  
6 each owner or operator of a gas pipeline facility in class  
7 3 and class 4 locations and class 1 and class 2 high con-  
8 sequence areas to conduct an assessment of pipeline facil-  
9 ity records to determine the presence of Aldyl A poly-  
10 ethylene piping in active or inactive service.

11 (b) REPORTING.—

12 (1) DOCUMENTATION OF CERTAIN PIPE-  
13 LINES.—Not later than 3 years after the date of en-  
14 actment of this Act, the Secretary shall require each  
15 owner or operator of a pipeline facility described in  
16 subsection (a) to submit to the Secretary docu-  
17 mentation of the total pipeline mileage and number  
18 of components identified by the owner or operator as  
19 Aldyl A polyethylene piping.

20 (2) INSUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION.—The Sec-  
21 retary shall prescribe the methodology by which each  
22 owner or operator of a pipeline facility described in  
23 subsection (a) shall mitigate insufficient records nec-  
24 essary to identify each pipeline segment containing  
25 Aldyl A polyethylene piping. Such mitigation shall be

1 completed not later than 3 years after the date of  
2 enactment of this Act.

3 (c) REMOVAL OF ALDYL A POLYETHYLENE PIP-  
4 ING.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 4 years after  
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
7 shall issue standards for the removal of Aldyl A pol-  
8 yethylene piping at all pressurized locations in gas  
9 pipeline facilities located in class 3 and class 4 loca-  
10 tions and class 1 and class 2 high consequence  
11 areas.

12 (2) TIMING.—In issuing standards under para-  
13 graph (1), the Secretary shall require the removal of  
14 Aldyl A polyethylene piping at all pressurized loca-  
15 tions identified in paragraph (1) not later than 5  
16 years following the date of enactment of this Act.

17 (3) CONSIDERATIONS.—In developing the  
18 standards under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
19 coordinate with State regulators, as appropriate, to  
20 establish timeframes for the completion of the re-  
21 quirement in paragraph (1) that take into account  
22 potential consequences to public safety and the envi-  
23 ronment and that minimize costs and service disrup-  
24 tions.

1       (d) HIGH-CONSEQUENCE AREA DEFINED.—In this  
2 section, the term “high consequence area” means an area  
3 described in section 60109(a) of title 49, United States  
4 Code.

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