



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

November 22, 2005

**H.R. 3124  
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Natural Gas Pipeline  
Enlargement Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on November 16, 2005*

H.R. 3124 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to issue an easement and a construction permit to the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation. These documents would enable the corporation to increase the diameter of a natural gas pipeline that crosses the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in Pennsylvania.

Based on information provided by the NPS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3124 would have no significant effect on the federal budget. We expect that the cost of providing an easement and a construction permit to the Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation would be less than \$100,000 and would be offset by additional administrative fees. Enacting H.R. 3124 would not affect revenues or direct spending.

This legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On November 22, 2005, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 1310, the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Natural Gas Pipeline Enlargement Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on November 16, 2005. The two bills are very similar, as are the cost estimates.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.