



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 8, 2011

### **H.R. 2021** **Jobs and Energy Permitting Act of 2011**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on June 1, 2011*

H.R. 2021 would make several amendments to the Clean Air Act related to air pollution stemming from oil exploration in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). Those amendments include specifying that air emission impacts are to be measured onshore and clarifying that any drilling vessel must be regulated as a stationary source once drilling starts. (A stationary source is a fixed-site producer of air pollution that is regulated by the Clean Air Act.) In addition, H.R. 2021 would clarify that the Environmental Appeals Board of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not have the authority to consider permits for OCS exploration; rather, under the bill EPA would be required to take final action related to granting or denying a permit within six months after a completed application is filed.

Based on information from EPA, CBO expects that implementing this legislation would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply because the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2021 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.

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