



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4557
Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2016

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on February 25, 2016*

H.R. 4557 would extend compliance dates for entities affected by any final rule addressing national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) under the Clean Air Act for brick, structural clay, and ceramic products manufactured in kilns.

Rules that would be affected by this legislation include:

- NESHAP for Brick and Structural Clay Products Manufacturing; and NESHAP for Clay Ceramics Manufacturing, published in the *Federal Register* on October 26, 2015;
- NESHAP for Brick and Structural Clay Products Manufacturing; and NESHAP for Clay Ceramics Manufacturing: Correction, published in the *Federal Register* on December 4, 2015; and
- Any final rule that succeeds or amends those rules.

The NESHAP rule published on October 26, 2015, requires manufacturers of brick, structural clay, and ceramic products to reduce emissions of hazardous air pollutants from kilns.

The bill would extend compliance dates for manufacturers to allow for resolution of the judicial review process. Manufacturers would not need to comply with the rule until a specified period of time after a judgement becomes final (and would no longer be subject to further appeal or review) for all legal actions filed during the 60 days after the final rule is published in the Federal Register.

Based on information from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would not have a significant effect on EPA's workload and would have no significant effect on the budget.

Because enacting H.R. 4557 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4557 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 4557 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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