



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1917
Blocking Regulatory Interference From Closing Kilns Act of 2017

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on December 6, 2017*

H.R. 1917 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.

The rules that would be affected are:

- 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 after a judgment becomes final (that is, the judgment is not 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*.

Using information from the Environmental Protection Agency about current activities related to NESHAP, CBO estimates that the costs of modifying existing regulations to comply with H.R. 1917 would be minimal and would not have a significant effect on the agency's workload or spending.

Enacting H.R. 1917 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1917 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1917 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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