

Amendment #1

Amendment to Fulcher ANS to H.R. 5576 **Offered by Ranking Member Huffman**

Strike page 1, line 5 through page 3, line 15, and replace it with:

1. IN GENERAL. — Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall develop additional categorical exclusions for geothermal observation test projects and geothermal exploration projects, if the Secretary determines such categorical exclusions are appropriate.
2. ADMINISTRATION. — In developing and administering any categorical exclusions under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall –
 - (A) Comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (43 U.S.C. 4321 et. seq); and
 - (B) Apply any applicable extraordinary circumstance under 46.215 of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations), in determining whether to use the categorical exclusion.