

# **H.R. 4012, the Secret Science Reform Act of 2014**

## **Section by Section Analysis**

### **Section 1. Short Title**

This section establishes the short title of the Act as the “Secret Science Reform Act of 2014.”

### **Section 2. Data Transparency**

Section 2 amends the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act to:

- 1) Prohibit the Administrator of EPA from finalizing, proposing, or disseminating a covered action unless all scientific and technical information relied on to support the covered action is:
  - a. Specifically identified, and
  - b. Publically available in a manner that is sufficient for independent analysis and substantial reproduction of research results.
- 2) Clarify that nothing in the section shall be construed as requiring public dissemination of information, the disclosure of which is prohibited by law.
- 3) Define “covered action” to mean a risk, exposure, or hazard assessment, criteria document, standard, limitation, regulation, regulatory impact analysis, or guidance. The section defines “scientific and technical information” to include materials, data, and associated protocols necessary to understand, assess, and extend conclusions, computer codes and models involved in the creation and analysis of information, recorded factual materials, and detailed descriptions of how to assess and use such information.