

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5120
OFFERED BY MR. CRAWFORD OF ARKANSAS

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PIPELINE OPERATING STATUS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 601 of title 49, United
3 States Code, is further amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 **“§ 60145. Idled pipelines**

6 “(a) DEFINITION OF IDLED.—In this section, the
7 term ‘idled’, with respect to a pipeline, means that the
8 pipeline—

9 “(1)(A) has ceased normal operations; and

10 “(B) will not resume service for a period of not
11 less than 180 days and

12 “(2) has been isolated from all sources of haz-
13 ardous liquid, natural gas, or other gas; and

14 “(3) has been purged of combustibles and haz-
15 ardous materials; and

16 “(4) if a blanket of inert, nonflammable gas is
17 placed in the line, such gas must be at low pressure
18 and odorized; and,

19 “(5) has received approval from the Secretary
20 to be removed as an active pipeline.

1 “(b) APPROVAL.—Before an operator may place a
2 natural or other gas pipeline facility or hazardous liquid
3 pipeline facility into idled status, the operator must re-
4 quest an approval, in writing, from the Secretary.

5 “(c) EXTENSION.—The Secretary may allow idled
6 natural or other gas pipeline facilities and hazardous liq-
7 uid pipeline facilities to remain in idled status for a period
8 longer than described in paragraph (a), provided that such
9 request be made in writing and not exceed a period of 5
10 years for each requested extension.

11 “(d) RULEMAKING.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years
13 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary shall promulgate regulations prescribing the
15 applicability of the pipeline safety requirements to
16 idled natural or other gas pipeline facilities and haz-
17 ardous liquid pipeline facilities.

18 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations promul-
19 gated under paragraph (1) shall contain the fol-
20 lowing requirements:

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The applicability of
22 the regulations under paragraph (1) shall be
23 based on the risk that idled natural or other
24 gas pipeline facilities and hazardous liquid pipe-
25 line facilities pose to the public, property, and

1 the environment, and shall include requirements
2 to resume operation.

3 “(B) NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL.—The
4 Secretary shall establish procedures, including a
5 requirement for notification to the public, for
6 requesting an approval, described in subsection
7 (b), and an extension, described in subsection
8 (c), before an operator changes the operating
9 status of a natural or other gas pipeline facility
10 or hazardous liquid pipeline facility.

11 “(C) INSPECTION.—The Secretary or an
12 appropriate State agency shall inspect each
13 idled natural or other gas pipeline facility or
14 hazardous liquid pipeline facility and verify that
15 the pipeline has been purged of combustibles
16 and hazardous materials.

17 “(D) REQUIREMENTS FOR REINSPEC-
18 TION.—The Secretary shall determine the re-
19 quirements for periodic reinspection of idled
20 natural or other gas pipeline facilities and haz-
21 ardous liquid pipeline facilities.

22 “(E) INVENTORY.—The Secretary shall re-
23 quire operators to report to the Secretary infor-
24 mation on idled natural or other gas pipeline
25 facilities and hazardous liquid pipeline facilities

1 in their system, including the location of a pipe-
2 line, whether the pipeline has been purged of
3 combustibles and hazardous materials, whether
4 a blanket of inert gas remains in the line, the
5 date on which the operator idled the pipeline,
6 and a written description for why the operator
7 chose to place each pipeline into idle status.

8 “(e) AVAILABILITY OF DATA.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall make
10 available to the public the inventory required under
11 subsection (d)(E), and publish annually on a website
12 accessible to the public a list indicating pipeline op-
13 erating status changes. The list shall include—

14 “(A) the name of the operator; and

15 “(B) the operating status change of the
16 pipeline; and

17 “(C) the approximate location, including
18 beginning and end point for the pipeline that is
19 subject to the change in operating status.”.

20 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
21 for chapter 601 of title 49, United States Code, is further
22 amended by adding at the end the following new item:

“60145. Idled pipelines.”.

