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Congress & Nuclear Waste: Leadership

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SENATE

115th Congress (2017/2018) US HOUSE—Republican Party is Majority, so all committee chairs are Republican. Democrats hold “Ranking Minority” positions.

Energy and Commerce Committee

Chair: Greg Walden (OR-2-R) Ranking Minority: Frank Pallone (NJ-6-D)

Vice Chair: Joe Barton (TX-6-R)

All [members of the FULL COMMITTEE](#) are from these states:

CA, CO, GA, FL, IA, IL, IN, KY, LA, MD, MI, MO, NC, ND, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV.

House Members represent only a PART of a State, but they are also part of their state’s “Delegation” and, to some degree, work with the interests of the State as well as their own District. [NOTE: FL, NC and VA have changes in Congressional Districts since NV published the REPORT on transport through HOUSE Districts, so those states are omitted from transport cross-reference]

The ACTION so far is in the Subcommittee on Environment

It held a hearing April 26 (Chernobyl) <https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings-and-votes/hearings/hr-nuclear-waste-policy-amendments-act-2017>

Republican Members (linked to the HOME PAGE for the Member)

[John Shimkus \(Illinois - 15\)](#) - Chairman

[David McKinley \(West Virginia - 01\)](#) - Vice Chairman

[Joe Barton \(Texas - 06\)](#)

[Tim Murphy \(Pennsylvania - 18\)](#)

[Marsha Blackburn \(Tennessee - 07\)](#)

[Gregg Harper \(Mississippi - 03\)](#)

[Pete Olson \(Texas - 22\)](#)

[Bill Johnson \(Ohio - 06\)](#)

[Bill Flores \(Texas - 17\)](#)

[Richard Hudson \(North Carolina - 08\)](#)

[Kevin Cramer \(North Dakota - 00\)](#)

[Tim Walberg \(Michigan - 07\)](#)

[Buddy Carter \(Georgia - 01\)](#)

[Greg Walden \(Oregon - 02\)](#) - Ex Officio

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House E & E, Environmental Subcommittee: Democratic Members

[Paul Tonko \(New York - 20\)](#) - Ranking Member

[Raul Ruiz \(California - 36\)](#)

[Scott Peters \(California - 52\)](#)

[Gene Green \(Texas - 29\)](#)

[Diana DeGette \(Colorado - 01\)](#)

[Jerry McNerney \(California - 09\)](#)

[Tony Cárdenas \(California - 29\)](#)

[Debbie Dingell \(Michigan -12\)](#)

[Doris Matsui \(California - 06\)](#)

[Frank Pallone \(New Jersey - 06\)](#) - Ex Officio

The [Subcommittee on Energy](#) has, in the past, also played a role in nuclear waste legislation.

Republican Members:

[Fred Upton \(Michigan - 06\)](#) - Chairman

[Pete Olson \(Texas - 22\)](#) - Vice Chairman

[Joe Barton \(Texas - 06\)](#)

[John Shimkus \(Illinois - 15\)](#)

[Tim Murphy \(Pennsylvania - 18\)](#)

[Robert Latta \(Ohio - 05\)](#)

[Gregg Harper \(Mississippi - 03\)](#)

[David McKinley \(West Virginia - 01\)](#)

[Adam Kinzinger \(Illinois - 16\)](#)

[Morgan Griffith \(Virginia - 09\)](#)

[Bill Johnson \(Ohio - 06\)](#)

[Billy Long \(Missouri - 07\)](#)

[Larry Bucshon \(Indiana - 08\)](#)

[Bill Flores \(Texas - 17\)](#)

[Markwayne Mullin \(Oklahoma - 02\)](#)

[Richard Hudson \(North Carolina - 08\)](#)

[Kevin Cramer \(North Dakota - 00\)](#)

[Tim Walberg \(Michigan - 07\)](#)

[Greg Walden \(Oregon - 02\)](#) - Ex Officio

Democrat Members (House E & E Subcommittee on Energy)

[Bobby Rush \(Illinois - 01\)](#) - Ranking Member

[Jerry McNerney \(California - 09\)](#)

[Scott Peters \(California - 52\)](#)

[Gene Green \(Texas - 29\)](#)

[Michael Doyle \(Pennsylvania - 14\)](#)

[Kathy Castor \(Florida - 14\)](#)

[John Sarbanes \(Maryland - 03\)](#)

[Peter Welch \(Vermont - 00\)](#)

[Paul Tonko \(New York - 20\)](#)

[David Loebsack \(Iowa - 02\)](#)

[Kurt Schrader \(Oregon - 05\)](#)

[Joseph P. Kennedy III \(Massachusetts - 04\)](#)

[G.K. Butterfield \(North Carolina - 01\)](#)

[Frank Pallone \(New Jersey - 06\)](#) - Ex Officio

Other Committees of Jurisdiction in the US HOUSE

- House Appropriations: [Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development](#)
- It is possible for HOUSE action to also happen in [Natural Resources Committee](#)

115th Congress—US HOUSE LEADERSHIP

<http://www.house.gov/leadership/>

Speaker: Paul Ryan, WI-1-R (Trump, Pence, Ryan)
Majority Leader: Kevin McCarthy (CA-23-R)
Minority Leader: Nancy Pelosi (CA-12-D)
Majority Whip: Steve Scalise (LA-1-R)
Democratic Whip: Steny Hoyer (MD-5-D)
Republican Conference Chairman: Kathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-5-R)
Assistant Democratic Leader: James Clyburn (SC-6-D)
Republican Policy Committee Chair: Luke Messer (IN-6-R)
Democratic Caucus Chair: Joseph Crowley (NY-14-D)

Senate Leadership—115th

<http://www.senate.gov/senators/leadership.htm> (has hot links to each)

VP Mike Pence (IN-R) is president of SENATE
Orin Hatch (UT-R) is the President Pro Tempore
Senate Majority Leader: Mitch McConnell (KY-R)
Assistant Republican Leader: John Cornyn (TX-R)
Republican Conference Chair: John Thune (SD-R)
Vice Chair of Republican Conf: Roy Blunt (MO-R)
Republican Policy Comm: John Barrasso (WY-R)
Senator Committee: Cory Gardner (CO-R)
Democratic Leader: John Schumer (NY-D)
Whip: Richard Durbin (IL-D)
Assistant Democratic Whip: Patty Murray (WA-D)
Chairwoman of Policy Comm: Debbie Stabenow (MI-D)
Vice Chair of Conference: Elizabeth Warren (MA-D)
Vice Chair of Conference: Mark Warner (VA-D)

Senate Committees of Jurisdiction

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

<https://www.energy.senate.gov/public/>

Chair: Lisa **Murkowski** (AK-R)
Ranking Minority: Maria Cantwell (WA-D)

Members: <https://www.energy.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/members>

States: * means a member of Senate Leadership

Republican (order by rank)

WY *
ID
UT
AZ

Democrat

OR
VT Sanders
MI Stabenow
MN

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MT
CO
TN (Alexander)
CO *
ND
LA
OH
AL

WV
NM Heinrich
HI
ME
IL
NV Cortez Masto

Green—No waste transport projected—all others YES...

Senate Environment and Public Works (sometimes—but at the moment a good thing since we have Markey, Sanders, Gillebrand)

<https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/>

Chair: John Brarrosso (WY-R)

Ranking Minority: Tom Carper (DE-D)

Members: <https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/members>



Senate APPROPRIATIONS:

Chair: Thad Cochran (MS-R) Ranking Minority: Patrick Leahy (VT-D)

Subcommittee on Energy Water and Development

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/subcommittees/energy-and-water-development>

Chair: Alexander (TN-R)

Ranking Minority: Diane Feinstein (CA-D)

Above link has all the members of this Subcommittee who are basically a star-studded cast of Senate Leadership