

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 830

To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to insert a new definition relating to oil and gas exploration and production.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2005

Mr. INHOFE (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. CORNYN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITION RELATING TO OIL AND GAS EX-**  
4 **PLORATION AND PRODUCTION.**

5 Section 502 of the Federal Water Pollution Control  
6 Act (33 U.S.C. 1362) is amended by adding at the end  
7 the following:

1           “(24) OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION, PRODUC-  
2           TION, PROCESSING, TREATMENT OPERATION, OR  
3           TRANSMISSION.—

4                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘oil and gas  
5           exploration, production, processing, treatment  
6           operation, or transmission’ means all field ac-  
7           tivities or operations associated with oil or gas  
8           exploration, production, or processing, or oil or  
9           gas treatment operations or transmission facili-  
10          ties.

11                   “(B) INCLUSIONS.—The term ‘oil and gas  
12          exploration, production, processing, treatment  
13          operation, or transmission’ includes activities  
14          necessary to prepare a site for oil or gas drilling  
15          and for the movement and placement of drilling  
16          equipment, whether or not the field activities or  
17          operations may be considered to be construction  
18          activities.”.

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