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Carbon Capture Permitting Bill Signed by Indiana Governor

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Indiana is creating a permitting program for carbon sequestration projects after Gov. Eric Holcomb (R) signed a bill creating a regulatory framework for companies to store the captured greenhouse gas underground.

H.B. 1209, passed with bipartisan support and signed Tuesday, makes the Indiana Department of Environmental Management responsible for reviewing applications under a process outlined in the law. Companies applying to build carbon capture projects will have to hold public information meetings.

1. The department will have 90 days thereafter to approve or deny projects.
2. Carbon capture and sequestration technology aims to liquefy carbon dioxide gas produced by fossil fuel plants and inject it deep into the Earth as a way to reduce planet-warming emissions.
3. The Hoosier Chapter of the Sierra Club, which covers the state of Indiana, wrote in opposition that the bill “paves the way for carbon sequestration from new industrial sources at a time we should be limiting emissions rather than burying them.”
4. The Sierra Club has received funding from Bloomberg Philanthropies, the charitable organization founded by Michael Bloomberg. Bloomberg Law is operated by entities controlled by Michael Bloomberg.

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