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S. 2761

To amend the Clean Air Act to clarify when a physical change in, or change in the method of operation of, a stationary source constitutes a modification, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2018

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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. CLARIFICATION OF DEFINITION OF MODIFICA-**
4 **TION.**

5 Section 111(a)(4) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.
6 7411(a)(4)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “(4) The term ‘modification’
8 means” and inserting the following:

1 “(4) MODIFICATION.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘modifica-
3 tion’ means”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(B) ASSOCIATED DEFINITION.—For pur-
6 poses of subparagraph (A), a physical change
7 in, or change in the method of operation of, a
8 stationary source shall be considered to increase
9 the amount of any air pollutant emitted by the
10 stationary source only if the maximum achiev-
11 able hourly emissions rate of the stationary
12 source after the change will be higher than—

13 “(i) the maximum achievable hourly
14 emissions rate of the stationary source as
15 the stationary source was originally de-
16 signed; and

17 “(ii) the maximum hourly emissions
18 rate of the stationary source that was ac-
19 tually achieved during the 10-year period
20 preceding the change.”.

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