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# H. R. 2967

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Resources

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## AN ACT

To extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings  
Radiation Control Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. REFERENCE.**

2 Whenever in this Act (other than in section 3) an  
3 amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amend-  
4 ment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the ref-  
5 erence shall be considered to be made to a section or other  
6 provision of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control  
7 Act of 1978.

8 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION; AUTHORIZATION.**

9 Section 112(a) (42 U.S.C. 7922(a)) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 “(a)(1) The authority of the Secretary to perform re-  
12 medial action under this title shall terminate on Septem-  
13 ber 30, 1998, except that—

14 “(A) the authority of the Secretary to perform  
15 groundwater restoration activities under this title is  
16 without limitation, and

17 “(B) the Secretary may continue operation of  
18 the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado (known  
19 as the Cheney disposal cell) for receiving and dispos-  
20 ing of residual radioactive material from processing  
21 sites and of byproduct material from property in the  
22 vicinity of the uranium milling site located in Monticello,  
23 Utah, until the Cheney disposal cell has been  
24 filled to the capacity for which it was designed, or  
25 September 30, 2023, whichever comes first.

1 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘by-  
2 product material’ has the meaning given that term in sec-  
3 tion 11e.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C.  
4 2014(e)(2)).”.

5 **SEC. 3. REMEDIAL ACTION AT ACTIVE PROCESSING SITES.**

6 (a) SECTION 1001.—Section 1001 of the Energy Pol-  
7 icy Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 2296a) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking “\$5.50”  
9 and inserting “\$6.25”;

10 (2) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by striking  
11 “\$270,000,000” and inserting “\$350,000,000”;

12 (3) in subsection (b)(2)(C), by striking  
13 “\$40,000,000” and inserting “\$65,000,000”;

14 (4) in subsection (b)(2)(E)(i), by striking  
15 “\$5.50” and inserting “\$6.25”; and

16 (5) in subsection (b)(2)(E)(ii), by striking  
17 “\$5.50” and inserting “\$6.25”.

18 (b) SECTION 1003.—Section 1003 of such Act (42  
19 U.S.C. 2296a-2) is amended by striking “\$310,000,000”  
20 and inserting “\$415,000,000”.

21 **SEC. 4. REMEDIAL ACTION FOR THE DISPOSAL OF RADIO-**  
22 **ACTIVE MATERIALS.**

23 (a) SECTION 104.—Section 104(d) (42 U.S.C.  
24 4914(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
25 “For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘site’ does not

1 include any property described in section 101(6)(B) which  
2 is in a State which the Secretary has certified has a pro-  
3 gram which would achieve the purposes of this sub-  
4 section.”.

5 (b) SECTION 108.—Section 108(a)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
6 7918(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the follow-  
7 ing: “Residual radioactive material from a processing site  
8 designated under this title may be disposed of at a facility  
9 licensed under title II under the administrative and tech-  
10 nical requirements of such title. Disposal of such material  
11 at such a site in accordance with such requirements shall  
12 be considered to have been done in accordance with the  
13 administrative and technical requirements of this title.”

14 (c) SECTION 115.—Section 115(a) (42 U.S.C.  
15 7925(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
16 “This subsection does not prohibit the disposal of residual  
17 radioactive material from a processing site under this title  
18 at a site licensed under title II or the expenditure of funds  
19 under this title for such disposal.”.

Passed the House of Representatives May 14, 1996.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*