

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1678

To abolish the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

---

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 16, 1996

Mr. GRAMS (for himself, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mr. STEVENS)  
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

---

## A BILL

To abolish the Department of Energy, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Energy  
5 Abolishment Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. Table of contents.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.

TITLE I—ABOLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

- Sec. 101. Reestablishment of department as Energy Programs Resolution Agency.
- Sec. 102. Functions.
- Sec. 103. Deputy Administrator.
- Sec. 104. Continuation of service of department officers.
- Sec. 105. Reorganization.
- Sec. 106. Abolishment of Energy Programs Resolution Agency.
- Sec. 107. Restoration of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as an independent agency.
- Sec. 108. Disposition of the Energy Information Administration and of certain energy research programs.
- Sec. 109. Disposition of the Energy Regulatory Administration.
- Sec. 110. GAO report.
- Sec. 111. Conforming amendments.
- Sec. 112. Effective date.

## TITLE II—ENERGY LABORATORIES

### Subtitle A—National Defense Laboratories

- Sec. 201. Transfer and discharge of functions.

### Subtitle B—Nondefense Energy Laboratories

- Sec. 211. Definitions.
- Sec. 212. Transfer to National Science Foundation.
- Sec. 213. Energy Laboratory Facilities Commission.
- Sec. 214. Procedure for making recommendations for laboratory facilities.
- Sec. 215. Fast track congressional consideration of Commission report.
- Sec. 216. Closure, reconfiguration, transfer, and privatization of energy laboratories.
- Sec. 217. Implementation of closure, reconfiguration, transfer, and privatization actions.
- Sec. 218. Account.
- Sec. 219. Reports on implementation.

## TITLE III—POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

- Sec. 301. Findings.
- Sec. 302. Definitions.
- Sec. 303. Transfer to Army Corps of Engineers.

## TITLE IV—TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL OF RESERVES

### Subtitle A—Strategic Petroleum Reserve

- Sec. 401. Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

### Subtitle B—Naval Petroleum Reserves

- Sec. 411. Naval Petroleum Reserves.

## TITLE V—NATIONAL SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

- Sec. 501. Establishment and organization of Defense Nuclear Programs Agency.
- Sec. 502. Functions of Defense Nuclear Programs Agency.

- Sec. 503. Transfers of functions.  
 Sec. 504. Limitation on transfers of funds.  
 Sec. 505. Transition provisions.  
 Sec. 506. Technical and conforming amendments.  
 Sec. 507. Effective date and transition period.

TITLE VI—ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES AT  
DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES

- Sec. 601. Environmental restoration activities at Defense nuclear facilities.  
 Sec. 602. Conforming amendment.  
 Sec. 603. Renegotiation of compliance agreements.

TITLE VII—CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Sec. 701. Transfer of authority to the Secretary of the Army.  
 Sec. 702. Reaffirmation of obligation to accept radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel by 1998.  
 Sec. 703. Initial storage facility.

TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Sec. 801. References.  
 Sec. 802. Exercise of authorities.  
 Sec. 803. Savings provisions.  
 Sec. 804. Transfer of assets.  
 Sec. 805. Delegation.  
 Sec. 806. Authority of Office of Management and Budget with respect to functions transferred.  
 Sec. 807. Proposed changes in law.  
 Sec. 808. Certain vesting of functions considered transfer.

**1 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

**2** In this Act:

**3** (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
**4** trator” means the Administrator of the Energy Pro-  
**5** grams Resolution Agency.

**6** (2) AGENCY.—The term “Agency” means the  
**7** Energy Programs Resolution Agency.

**8** (3) FUNCTION.—The term “function” includes  
**9** any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility,  
**10** right, privilege, activity, or program.

1           (4) OFFICE.—The term “office” includes any  
2 office, administration, agency, institute, council,  
3 unit, and organizational entity and any component  
4 thereof.

5           (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
6 the Secretary of Energy.

7           (6) SECRETARY OR ADMINISTRATOR.—The  
8 term “Secretary or Administrator” means—

9                   (A) with respect to any time prior to the  
10 effective date of this Act, the Secretary of En-  
11 ergy; and

12                   (B) with respect to any time after the ef-  
13 fective date of this Act, the Administrator.

14           (7) TERMINATION DATE.—The term “termi-  
15 nation date” means the termination date under sec-  
16 tion 106(d).

17           (8) WIND-UP PERIOD.—The term “wind-up pe-  
18 riod” means the period beginning on the effective  
19 date specified in section 109(a) and ending on the  
20 termination date.

1           **TITLE I—ABOLISHMENT OF**  
2           **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

3   **SEC. 101. REESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT AS ENERGY**  
4           **PROGRAMS RESOLUTION AGENCY.**

5           (a) REDESIGNATION.—The Department of Energy is  
6 redesignated as the Energy Programs Resolution Agency,  
7 which shall be an independent agency in the executive  
8 branch of the Government.

9           (b) ADMINISTRATOR.—

10           (1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be at the head  
11 of the Agency an Administrator of the Agency, who  
12 shall be appointed by the President by and with the  
13 advice and consent of the Senate. The Agency shall  
14 be administered under the supervision and direction  
15 of the Administrator. The Administrator shall re-  
16 ceive compensation at the rate prescribed for level II  
17 of the Executive Schedule under section 5313 of title  
18 5, United States Code.

19           (2) INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF ADMINIS-  
20 TRATOR.—Notwithstanding any other provision of  
21 this Act or any other law, the President may, at any  
22 time after the date of enactment of this Act, appoint  
23 an individual to serve as Administrator of the En-  
24 ergy Programs Resolution Agency (who may be the  
25 person holding the position of Secretary of Energy

1 on the day before the effective date of this Act). An  
2 appointment under this paragraph shall not be con-  
3 strued to affect the position of Secretary of Energy  
4 or the authority of the Secretary before the effective  
5 date of this Act.

6 (c) DUTIES.—The Administrator shall be responsible  
7 for—

8 (1) the administration and wind-up, during the  
9 wind-up period, of all functions of the Administrator  
10 under section 102 and the other provisions of this  
11 Act;

12 (2) the administration and wind-up, during the  
13 wind-up period, of any outstanding obligations of the  
14 Federal Government under any programs terminated  
15 or repealed by this Act; and

16 (3) taking such other actions as may be nec-  
17 essary, before the termination date, to wind up any  
18 outstanding affairs of the Agency.

19 **SEC. 102. FUNCTIONS.**

20 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Admin-  
21 istrator shall perform all functions that, on the day before  
22 the effective date of this Act, were functions of the De-  
23 partment of Energy (or any office of the Department) or  
24 were performed by the Secretary or any other officer or

1 employee of the Department in the capacity as such officer  
2 or employee.

3 **SEC. 103. DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.**

4 The Agency shall have a Deputy Administrator, who  
5 shall—

6 (1) be appointed by and report to the Adminis-  
7 trator; and

8 (2) perform such functions as may be delegated  
9 by the Administrator.

10 **SEC. 104. CONTINUATION OF SERVICE OF DEPARTMENT OF-**  
11 **FICERS.**

12 The person holding the position of Secretary of En-  
13 ergy on the day before the effective date of this Act and  
14 persons holding positions in the Department of Energy on  
15 that date whose appointment is not vested in the Secretary  
16 of Energy—

17 (1) shall be treated as persons designated to  
18 perform the duties of their offices under sections  
19 3345 and 3346, respectively, of title 5, United  
20 States Code, for the purpose of establishing the pe-  
21 riod of time during which those officers may con-  
22 tinue to serve under section 3348 of that title; and

23 (2) shall continue to be compensated for serving  
24 in those positions at the rate at which those persons  
25 were compensated on that day.

1 **SEC. 105. REORGANIZATION.**

2 The Administrator may, as the Administrator consid-  
3 ers necessary or appropriate—

4 (1) allocate or reallocate any function of the  
5 Agency under this Act among the officers of the  
6 Agency; and

7 (2) establish, consolidate, alter, or discontinue  
8 in the Agency any organizational entities that were  
9 entities of the Department of Energy.

10 **SEC. 106. ABOLISHMENT OF ENERGY PROGRAMS RESOLU-**  
11 **TION AGENCY.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the termination date  
13 of this Act, the Energy Programs Resolution Agency is  
14 abolished.

15 (b) ABOLITION OF FUNCTIONS.—Except for func-  
16 tions transferred or otherwise continued under this Act,  
17 all functions that, immediately before the termination  
18 date, were functions of the Agency are abolished effective  
19 on the termination date.

20 (c) PLAN FOR WINDING UP AFFAIRS.—Not later  
21 than the effective date of this Act, the President shall sub-  
22 mit to Congress a plan for winding up the affairs of the  
23 Agency in accordance with this Act and by not later than  
24 the termination date.

1 (d) TERMINATION DATE.—The termination date of  
2 this Act is the date that is 3 years after the date of enact-  
3 ment of this Act.

4 **SEC. 107. RESTORATION OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGU-**  
5 **LATORY COMMISSION AS AN INDEPENDENT**  
6 **AGENCY.**

7 The Department of Energy Organization Act is  
8 amended—

9 (1) in the first sentence of section 204 (42  
10 U.S.C. 7134) by striking “within the Department,”;

11 (2) in section 401 (42 U.S.C. 7171)—

12 (A) in subsection (a) by striking “within  
13 the Department”;

14 (B) in subsection (c) by striking the second  
15 sentence;

16 (C) by striking subsection (d); and

17 (D) in subsection (j)—

18 (i) in the first sentence—

19 (I) by striking “under this Act,  
20 the Secretary” and inserting “by the  
21 Commission, the Commission”; and

22 (II) by striking “to the Secretary  
23 and”; and

24 (ii) in the second sentence by striking  
25 “the Secretary,”;

1 (3) in section 402 (42 U.S.C. 7172) by striking  
2 subsections (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g);

3 (4) in section 403 (42 U.S.C. 7173)—

4 (A) in subsection (a) by striking “Sec-  
5 retary and the Commission are authorized to”  
6 and inserting “Commission may”; and

7 (B) by striking subsection (b);

8 (5) by striking sections 404, 405, and 406 (42  
9 U.S.C. 7174, 7175, and 7176);

10 (6) in section 407 (42 U.S.C. 7177)—

11 (A) in subsection (a)—

12 (i) by striking “The Secretary, each  
13 officer of the Department, and each” and  
14 inserting “Each”; and

15 (ii) by striking “of the Department  
16 or”; and

17 (B) by striking subsection (b); and

18 (7) by striking section 501(a)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
19 7191(a)(2)).

20 **SEC. 108. DISPOSITION OF THE ENERGY INFORMATION AD-**  
21 **MINISTRATION AND OF CERTAIN ENERGY RE-**  
22 **SEARCH PROGRAMS.**

23 (a) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—There are trans-  
24 ferred to the Secretary of the Interior—

1           (1) all of the functions of the Administrator of  
2 the Energy Information Administration; and

3           (2)(A) the civilian energy research programs  
4 under the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil  
5 Energy and the Assistant Secretary of Energy for  
6 Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and

7           (B) the science and technology programs  
8 under—

9                 (i) the Office of Energy Research;

10                (ii) the Office of Nuclear Energy Science  
11 and Technology;

12                (iii) the Office of Science Education and  
13 Technical Information; and

14                (iv) the Office of Energy Research.

15         (b) BASIC SCIENCE PROGRAMS.—If the Secretary of  
16 the Interior determines that any of the programs trans-  
17 ferred under subsection (a)(2) is a program that performs  
18 basic science research that should be considered by the  
19 Nondefense Energy Laboratory Commission under section  
20 213, the President shall transfer the programs to the Na-  
21 tional Science Foundation.

22         (c) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER DISPOSI-  
23 TION.—Not later than the date that is 1 year after the  
24 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior  
25 shall submit to Congress a report making recommenda-

1 tions for the permanent disposition of the functions and  
2 programs transferred by subsection (a).

3 **SEC. 109. DISPOSITION OF THE ENERGY REGULATORY AD-**  
4 **MINISTRATION.**

5 (a) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—There are trans-  
6 ferred to the Attorney General all of the functions of the  
7 Administrator of the Energy Regulatory Administration.

8 (b) RESOLUTION OF PENDING CASES.—The Attor-  
9 ney General shall make best efforts to resolve all cases  
10 pending before, or being litigated on behalf of, the Energy  
11 Regulatory Administration by the date that is 1 year after  
12 the date of enactment of this Act, achieving such resolu-  
13 tion by means of the alternate dispute resolution process  
14 to the extent possible.

15 **SEC. 110. GAO REPORT.**

16 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
17 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
18 shall submit to Congress a report that includes rec-  
19 ommendations for the most efficient means of achieving,  
20 in accordance with this Act—

21 (1) the complete abolishment of the Depart-  
22 ment of Energy; and

23 (2) the termination, transfer, or other disposi-  
24 tion of the functions of the Department of Energy.

1 **SEC. 111. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

2 (a) **PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION.**—Section 19(d)(1)  
3 of title 3, United States Code, is amended by striking  
4 “Secretary of Energy,”.

5 (b) **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**—Section 101 of title  
6 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the item  
7 relating to the Department of Energy.

8 (c) **SECRETARY’S COMPENSATION.**—Section 5312 of  
9 title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
10 item relating to the Secretary of Energy.

11 (d) **DEPUTY SECRETARY’S COMPENSATION.**—Section  
12 5313 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
13 ing the item relating to the Deputy Secretary of Energy.

14 (e) **UNDER SECRETARY’S COMPENSATION.**—Section  
15 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
16 ing the item relating to the Under Secretary, Department  
17 of Energy.

18 (f) **MISCELLANEOUS OFFICERS’ COMPENSATION.**—  
19 Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended  
20 by striking the items relating to the Assistant Secretaries  
21 of Energy, General Counsel of the Department of Energy,  
22 Administrator, Economic Regulatory Administration, De-  
23 partment of Energy, Administrator, Energy Information  
24 Administration, Department of Energy, Inspector Gen-  
25 eral, Department of Energy, Director, Office of Energy

1 Research, Department of Energy, and Chief Financial Of-  
 2 ficer, Department of Energy.

3 (g) INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978.—The In-  
 4 spector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is amend-  
 5 ed—

6 (1) in section 9(a)(1) by striking subparagraph  
 7 (E);

8 (2) in section 11(1) by striking “Energy,”; and

9 (3) in section 11(2) by striking “Energy,”.

10 (h) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ORGANIZATION  
 11 ACT.—Effective on the termination date, the following  
 12 provisions of the Department of Energy Organization Act  
 13 (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) are repealed:

14 (1) Sections 1 and 2.

15 (2) Titles I, II, and III.

16 **SEC. 112. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection

18 (b), this title shall take effect on the date that is 180 days  
 19 after the date of enactment of this Act.

20 (b) PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF ENACT-  
 21 MENT.—Sections 101, 106(c), and 107 shall take effect  
 22 on the date of enactment of this Act.

1                   **TITLE II—ENERGY**  
2                   **LABORATORIES**  
3           **Subtitle A—National Defense**  
4                   **Laboratories**

5   **SEC. 201. TRANSFER AND DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS.**

6           (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “national  
7 defense laboratories” means—

8                   (1) the Lawrence Livermore National Labora-  
9           tory;

10                   (2) the Los Alamos National Laboratory; and

11                   (3) the Sandia National Laboratories.

12           (b) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the  
13 national defense laboratories are transferred to the Under  
14 Secretary of Defense for Defense Nuclear Programs under  
15 title V of this Act (relating to national security and envi-  
16 ronmental management programs of the Department of  
17 Energy), who shall carry out such functions in accordance  
18 with that title through the Defense Nuclear Programs  
19 Agency established by that title.

20           **Subtitle B—Nondefense Energy**  
21                   **Laboratories**

22   **SEC. 211. DEFINITIONS.**

23           In this title:

1           (1) ACCOUNT.—The term “Account” means the  
2 Energy Laboratory Facility Closure Account estab-  
3 lished under section 207(a).

4           (2) BASIC SCIENCE PROGRAM.—The term  
5 “basic science program” means a program trans-  
6 ferred to the National Science Foundation under  
7 section 108(b).

8           (3) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”  
9 means the Energy Laboratory Facilities Commis-  
10 sion.

11           (4) CONGRESSIONAL ENERGY COMMITTEES.—  
12 The term “congressional energy committees” means  
13 the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, the  
14 Committee on National Security of the House of  
15 Representatives, the Committee on Science of the  
16 House of Representatives, and the Committee on  
17 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

18           (5) NONDEFENSE ENERGY LABORATORY.—The  
19 term “nondefense energy laboratory” means the  
20 Ames Laboratory, the Argonne National Laboratory,  
21 the Bates Linear Accelerator Laboratory, the Bettis  
22 Atomic Power Laboratory, the Brookhaven National  
23 Laboratory, the Continuous Electron Beam Accel-  
24 erator Facility, the Energy Technology Engineering  
25 Center, the Environmental Measurements Labora-

1 tory, the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory,  
2 the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, the In-  
3 halation Toxicology Research Institute, the Knolls  
4 Atomic Power Laboratory, the Laboratory of  
5 Radiobiology and Environmental Health, the Law-  
6 rence Berkeley Laboratory, the Morgantown Energy  
7 Technology Center, the National Renewable Energy  
8 Laboratory, the New Brunswick Laboratory, the  
9 Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education, the  
10 Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Pacific North-  
11 west Laboratory, the Pittsburgh Energy Technology  
12 Center, the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory,  
13 the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, the Savan-  
14 nah River Technology Center, the Specific Manufac-  
15 turing Capability Facility, or the Stanford Linear  
16 Accelerator Facility.

17 (6) RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL.—The term  
18 “resolution of approval” means a joint resolution—

19 (A) that is introduced within the 10-day  
20 period beginning on the date on which the Com-  
21 mission transmits the report to the Congress  
22 under section 204(f)(4);

23 (B) the title of which is as follows: “Joint  
24 resolution approving the recommendations of  
25 the Energy Laboratory Facilities Commission.”;

1 (C) that does not have a preamble;

2 (D) the matter after the resolving clause of  
3 which is as follows: “That Congress approves  
4 the recommendations of the Energy Laboratory  
5 Facilities Commission as submitted on \_\_\_\_\_”,  
6 the blank space being filled in with the appro-  
7 priate date; and

8 (E) that contains no other matter.

9 **SEC. 212. TRANSFER TO NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.**

10 There are transferred to the National Science Foun-  
11 dation all of the functions of the Secretary relating to the  
12 nondefense energy laboratories.

13 **SEC. 213. ENERGY LABORATORY FACILITIES COMMISSION.**

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an inde-  
15 pendent commission, to be known as the “Nondefense En-  
16 ergy Laboratory Commission”, for the purpose of making  
17 recommendations to Congress whether any of the non-  
18 defense energy laboratories or programs at nondefense en-  
19 ergy laboratories or any of the basic science programs  
20 should be continued through reconfiguration, transfer, or  
21 privatization, rather than being closed in accordance with  
22 section 220.

23 (b) DUTIES.—The Commission shall carry out the  
24 duties specified for the Commission in this subtitle.

25 (c) APPOINTMENT.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be  
2           composed of 7 members appointed by the President,  
3           by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

4           (2) NOMINATIONS.—The President shall trans-  
5           mit to the Senate the nominations for appointment  
6           to the Commission not later than 90 days after the  
7           date of enactment of this Act.

8           (3) DISQUALIFICATION OF GOVERNMENT EM-  
9           PLOYEES.—An employee of the United States shall  
10          not be eligible to serve on the Commission.

11          (4) CONSULTATION.—In selecting persons for  
12          nominations for appointments to the Commission,  
13          the President shall consult with—

14                 (A) the Speaker of the House of Rep-  
15                 resentatives concerning the appointment of 2  
16                 members; and

17                 (B) the majority leader of the Senate con-  
18                 cerning the appointment of 2 members.

19          (5) CHAIRPERSON.—At the time at which the  
20          President submits nominations for appointment to  
21          the Commission, the President shall designate 1 of  
22          the nominees for appointment as Chairperson of the  
23          Commission.

1 (d) TERMS.—The term of each member of the Com-  
2 mission shall expire on the termination of the Commission  
3 under subsection (l).

4 (e) MEETINGS.—Each meeting of the Commission,  
5 other than a meeting in which classified information is to  
6 be discussed, shall be open to the public.

7 (f) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Commission shall  
8 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

9 (g) PAY AND TRAVEL EXPENSES.—

10 (1) BASIC PAY.—

11 (A) MEMBERS.—Each member of the  
12 Commission other than the Chairperson shall be  
13 paid at a rate equal to the daily equivalent of  
14 the minimum annual rate of basic pay payable  
15 for level IV of the Executive Schedule under  
16 section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, for  
17 each day (including travel time) during which  
18 the member is engaged in the performance of  
19 duties of the Commission.

20 (B) CHAIRPERSON.—The Chairperson of  
21 the Commission shall be paid for each day re-  
22 ferred to in subparagraph (A) at a rate equal  
23 to the daily equivalent of the minimum annual  
24 rate of basic pay payable for level III of the Ex-

1           Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5,  
2           United States Code.

3           (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the  
4           Commission shall receive travel expenses, including  
5           per diem in lieu of subsistence, in accordance with  
6           sections 5702 and 5703 of title 5, United States  
7           Code.

8           (h) DIRECTOR.—

9           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall, with-  
10          out regard to section 5311(b) of title 5, United  
11          States Code, appoint a Director who—

12                 (A) has not served as a civilian employee  
13                 of the Department of Energy during the 2-year  
14                 period preceding the date of appointment;

15                 (B) has not been an employee of an energy  
16                 laboratory of the Department of Energy during  
17                 the 5-year period preceding the date of appoint-  
18                 ment; and

19                 (C) has not been an employee of a contrac-  
20                 tor operating an energy laboratory of the De-  
21                 partment of Energy during the 5-year period  
22                 preceding the date of appointment.

23           (2) PAY.—The Director shall be paid at the  
24          rate of basic pay payable for level IV of the Execu-

1       tive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United  
2       States Code.

3       (i) STAFF.—

4             (1) APPOINTMENT BY DIRECTOR.—Subject to  
5       paragraphs (2) and (3), the Director, with the ap-  
6       proval of the Commission, may appoint and fix the  
7       pay of additional personnel.

8             (2) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE  
9       LAWS.—The Director may make such appointments  
10      without regard to the provisions of title 5, United  
11      States Code, governing appointments in the competi-  
12      tive service, and any personnel so appointed may be  
13      paid without regard to the provisions of chapter 51  
14      and subchapter III of chapter 53 of that title relat-  
15      ing to classification and General Schedule pay rates,  
16      except that a person so appointed may not receive  
17      pay in excess of the annual rate of basic pay payable  
18      for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section  
19      5315 of title 5, United States Code.

20            (3) LIMITATIONS.—

21               (A) DOE EMPLOYEES.—Not more than  
22      one-third of the personnel employed by or de-  
23      tailed to the Commission shall be persons who  
24      were employed by the Department of Energy on

1 the day before the date of enactment of this  
2 Act.

3 (B) LABORATORY EMPLOYEES.—No em-  
4 ployee of a nondefense laboratory or of any  
5 other energy laboratory of the Department of  
6 Energy or of a contractor that operates an en-  
7 ergy laboratory of the Department of Energy  
8 may be detailed to the Commission.

9 (4) SUPPORT FROM OTHER AGENCIES.—At the  
10 request of the Director, the head of a Federal agen-  
11 cy may detail any of the personnel of the agency to  
12 the Commission to assist the Commission in carry-  
13 ing out its duties.

14 (5) SUPPORT FROM COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—  
15 The Comptroller General of the United States shall  
16 provide assistance, including the detailing of employ-  
17 ees, to the Commission in accordance with an agree-  
18 ment entered into with the Commission.

19 (j) OTHER AUTHORITY.—

20 (1) TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERV-  
21 ICES.—The Commission may procure by contract, to  
22 the extent that funds are available, the temporary or  
23 intermittent services of experts or consultants pursu-  
24 ant to section 3109 of title 5, United States Code.

1           (2) AUTHORITY TO LEASE SPACE AND ACQUIRE  
2 CERTAIN PROPERTY.—

3           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may  
4 lease space and acquire personal property to the  
5 extent funds are available.

6           (B) RTC PROPERTIES.—To the extent  
7 practicable, the Commission shall use suitable  
8 real property available under the most recent  
9 inventory of real property assets published by  
10 the Resolution Trust Corporation under section  
11 21A(b)(11)(F) of the Federal Home Loan  
12 Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1441a(b)(11)(F)).

13          (k) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-  
14 priated to the Commission such sums as are necessary to  
15 carry out its duties under this subtitle, to remain available  
16 until expended.

17          (l) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
18 on the date that is 45 days after the date on which the  
19 Commission submits a final report under section  
20 204(f)(4).

21 **SEC. 214. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**  
22 **FOR LABORATORY FACILITIES.**

23          (a) SELECTION CRITERIA.—In making a rec-  
24 ommendation for the reconfiguration, transfer, or privat-  
25 ization of a nondefense energy laboratory or program at

1 a nondefense energy laboratory or of a basic science pro-  
2 gram, the Secretary or Administrator and the Commission  
3 shall—

4 (1) presume that a nondefense energy labora-  
5 tory or basic science program should be closed un-  
6 less the laboratory performs a function that is essen-  
7 tial to the needs of the United States, particularly  
8 a national security need;

9 (2) take into account the recommendations  
10 made in the report entitled “Alternative Fixtures for  
11 the Department of Energy Laboratories”, submitted  
12 to the Secretary of Energy in February 1995 (com-  
13 monly known as the “Galvin Report”;

14 (3) eliminate duplication of effort by nondefense  
15 energy laboratories and basic science programs and  
16 reduce overhead costs as a proportion of program  
17 benefits distributed through a nondefense energy  
18 laboratory or basic science program;

19 (4) seek to achieve cost savings for the overall  
20 budget for the nondefense energy laboratories and  
21 basic programs;

22 (5) define appropriate missions for each non-  
23 defense energy laboratory and basic science program  
24 and ensure that the activities of each such labora-

1 tory and basic science program are focused on its  
2 mission;

3 (6) consider the program costs and program  
4 distributions on a State and county basis, including  
5 real and personal property costs associated with  
6 each nondefense energy laboratory and basic science  
7 program considered;

8 (7) consider the number of participants in pro-  
9 grams conducted through a nondefense energy lab-  
10 oratory and basic science program and staff re-  
11 sources engaged in those programs;

12 (8) estimate the cost savings and increases that  
13 would accrue through the reconfiguration of non-  
14 defense energy laboratories and basic science pro-  
15 grams;

16 (9) consider the potential of each nondefense  
17 energy laboratory and basic science program to gen-  
18 erate revenues or to offset costs; and

19 (10) consider the reconfiguration, transfer, or  
20 privatization of nondefense energy laboratories and  
21 basic science programs as an alternative to closure.

22 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

23 (1) PUBLICATION AND TRANSMITTAL.—Not  
24 later than 90 days after the date of enactment of  
25 this Act, the Secretary or Administrator shall pub-

1       lish in the Federal Register and transmit to the con-  
2       gressional energy committees and the Commission a  
3       list of the nondefense energy laboratories and basic  
4       science programs that the Secretary or Adminis-  
5       trator recommends for reconfiguration, transfer, and  
6       privatization, respectively.

7               (2) SUMMARY OF SELECTION PROCESS.—The  
8       Secretary or Administrator shall include with the list  
9       under paragraph (1) a summary of the selection  
10      process that resulted in the recommendation for  
11      each nondefense energy laboratory and basic science  
12      program, including a justification for each rec-  
13      ommendation.

14           (c) EQUAL CONSIDERATION OF LABORATORIES.—In  
15      considering nondefense energy laboratories and basic  
16      science programs for reconfiguration, transfer, or privat-  
17      ization, the Secretary or Administrator shall consider all  
18      nondefense energy laboratories and basic science programs  
19      equally without regard to whether a nondefense energy  
20      laboratory or basic science program has been previously  
21      considered or proposed for reconfiguration, transfer, pri-  
22      vatization, or closure by the Secretary of Energy.

23           (d) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary  
24      or Administrator shall make available to the Commission  
25      and the Comptroller General of the United States all in-

1 formation used by the Secretary or Administrator in mak-  
2 ing recommendations under this section.

3 (e) INDEPENDENT AUDIT.—

4 (1) REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.—Not later than  
5 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
6 Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
7 shall issue a request for proposals for the perform-  
8 ance of an audit under paragraph (3).

9 (2) SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS.—Proposals  
10 shall be due in response to the request for proposals  
11 under paragraph (1) on a date specified in the re-  
12 quest for proposals, which shall be a date not later  
13 than 60 days after the date of enactment of this  
14 Act.

15 (3) CONTRACT.—Not later than 90 days after  
16 the date of enactment of this Act, the Director of  
17 the Office of Management and Budget shall enter  
18 into a contract with an independent financial con-  
19 sulting firm for an audit of the nondefense energy  
20 laboratories and basic science programs and their  
21 programs, facilities, and assets.

22 (4) ASSESSMENT OF COMMERCIAL POTEN-  
23 TIAL.—The audit shall assess the commercial poten-  
24 tial of the nondefense energy laboratories and their  
25 programs and of the basic science programs and

1 make recommendations on how the Government  
2 could best realize that potential.

3 (5) SUBMISSION.—The audit shall be completed  
4 and submitted to the Commission, the Secretary or  
5 Administrator and the congressional energy commit-  
6 tees not later than 270 days after the date of enact-  
7 ment of this Act.

8 (f) REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COM-  
9 MISSION.—

10 (1) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—After receiving the  
11 recommendations from the Secretary or Adminis-  
12 trator under subsection (b), the Commission shall  
13 provide an opportunity for public comment on the  
14 recommendations for a 30-day period.

15 (2) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year  
16 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commis-  
17 sion shall publish in the Federal Register an initial  
18 report containing the Commission's findings and  
19 conclusions based on a review and analysis of the  
20 recommendations made by the Secretary or Adminis-  
21 trator and the audit under subsection (e), including  
22 the Commission's recommendations for reconfigura-  
23 tion, privatization, or closure of each nondefense en-  
24 ergy laboratory.

25 (3) DEVIATION FROM RECOMMENDATIONS.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—In making its rec-  
2           ommendations, the Commission may make  
3           changes in any of the recommendations made  
4           by the Secretary or Administrator if the Com-  
5           mission determines that the Secretary or Ad-  
6           ministrator deviated substantially from the cri-  
7           teria described in subsection (a) in making rec-  
8           ommendations.

9           (B) JUSTIFICATION.—The Commission  
10          shall justify in the report any recommendation  
11          made by the Commission that is different from  
12          a recommendation made by the Secretary or  
13          Administrator.

14          (4) FINAL REPORT.—After providing a 30-day  
15          period for public comment following publication of  
16          the initial report under paragraph (2), and after full  
17          consideration of such public comments, the Commis-  
18          sion shall, not later than 15 months after the date  
19          of enactment of this Act, transmit to the Adminis-  
20          trator and the congressional energy committees a  
21          final report containing the recommendations of the  
22          Commission.

23          (5) PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—  
24          After transmitting the final report under paragraph  
25          (4), the Commission shall, promptly at the request

1 of a member of Congress, provide the member infor-  
2 mation used by the Commission in making rec-  
3 ommendations.

4 (g) ASSISTANCE FROM COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—

5 The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

6 (1) assist the Commission, to the extent re-  
7 quested, in the Commission’s review and analysis of  
8 the recommendations made by the Secretary or Ad-  
9 ministrator pursuant to subsection (b); and

10 (2) not later than 30 days after the date of  
11 transmittal of the final report under section  
12 204(f)(4), transmit to the congressional energy com-  
13 mittees and to the Commission a report containing  
14 a detailed analysis of the recommendations of the  
15 Secretary or Administrator and the selection proc-  
16 ess.

17 **SEC. 215. FAST TRACK CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION**  
18 **OF COMMISSION REPORT.**

19 (a) REFERRAL.—

20 (1) HOUSE.—A resolution of approval that is  
21 introduced in the House of Representatives shall be  
22 referred to the Committee on National Security and  
23 the Committee on Science of the House of Rep-  
24 resentatives.

1           (2) SENATE.—A resolution of approval that is  
2           introduced in the Senate shall be referred to the  
3           Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on  
4           Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate.

5           (b) DISCHARGE.—If the committee to which a resolu-  
6           tion of approval is referred has not reported the resolution  
7           of approval by the end of the 20-day period beginning on  
8           the date on which the Commission transmits the report  
9           to Congress under section 204(f)(4), the committee shall,  
10          at the end of that period, be discharged from further con-  
11          sideration of the resolution of approval, and the resolution  
12          of approval shall be placed on the appropriate calendar  
13          of the House of Representatives or the Senate, as the case  
14          may be.

15          (c) CONSIDERATION.—

16               (1) MOTION TO PROCEED TO CONSIDER-  
17               ATION.—

18                   (A) MOTION IN ORDER.—On or after the  
19                   third day after the date on which the committee  
20                   to which a resolution of approval is referred has  
21                   reported, or has been discharged (under sub-  
22                   section (b)) from further consideration of, the  
23                   resolution of approval, it is in order (even  
24                   though a previous motion to the same effect has  
25                   been disagreed to) for any member of the

1 House of Representatives or the Senate, respec-  
2 tively, to move to proceed to the consideration  
3 of the resolution of approval (but only on the  
4 date after the calendar day on which the mem-  
5 ber announces to the House of Congress con-  
6 cerned the member's intention to do so).

7 (B) WAIVER OF POINTS OF ORDER.—All  
8 points of order against a resolution of approval  
9 (and against consideration of the resolution of  
10 approval) are waived.

11 (C) PRIVILEGE.—A motion to proceed to  
12 the consideration of a resolution of approval is  
13 highly privileged in the House of Representa-  
14 tives and is privileged in the Senate and is not  
15 debatable.

16 (D) NO AMENDMENT OR POSTPONE-  
17 MENT.—A motion described in subparagraph  
18 (C) is not subject to amendment, to a motion  
19 to postpone consideration of the resolution of  
20 approval, or to a motion to proceed to the con-  
21 sideration of other business.

22 (E) NO MOTION TO RECONSIDER.—A mo-  
23 tion to reconsider the vote by which a motion  
24 described in subparagraph (C) is agreed to or  
25 not agreed to shall not be in order.

1           (F) CONSIDERATION.—If a motion de-  
2           scribed in subparagraph (C) is agreed to, the  
3           House of Representatives or the Senate, as the  
4           case may be, shall immediately proceed to con-  
5           sideration of the resolution of approval without  
6           intervening motion, order, or other business,  
7           and the resolution of approval shall remain the  
8           unfinished business of the House of Represent-  
9           atives or the Senate, as the case may be, until  
10          disposed of.

11          (2) DEBATE.—

12           (A) TIME.—Debate on a resolution of ap-  
13           proval and on all debatable motions and appeals  
14           in connection with a resolution of approval shall  
15           be limited to not more than 2 hours, which  
16           shall be divided equally between those favoring  
17           and those opposing the resolution of approval.

18           (B) NO AMENDMENT.—No amendment to  
19           a resolution of approval is in order, except an  
20           amendment that strikes a recommendation that  
21           a nondefense energy laboratory or basic science  
22           program be reconfigured, transferred, or  
23           privatized.

1           (C) MOTION TO LIMIT DEBATE.—A motion  
2 further to limit debate on a resolution of ap-  
3 proval is in order and not debatable.

4           (D) NO MOTION TO POSTPONE.—A motion  
5 to postpone consideration of a resolution of ap-  
6 proval, a motion to proceed to the consideration  
7 of other business, or a motion to recommit the  
8 resolution of approval is not in order.

9           (E) NO MOTION TO RECONSIDER.—A mo-  
10 tion to reconsider the vote by which a resolution  
11 of approval is agreed to or not agreed to is not  
12 in order.

13       (3) VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE.—Immediately  
14 following the conclusion of the debate on a resolu-  
15 tion of approval and a single quorum call at the con-  
16 clusion of the debate if requested in accordance with  
17 the rules of the House of Representatives or the  
18 Senate, as the case may be, the vote on final passage  
19 of the resolution of approval shall occur.

20       (4) APPEALS FROM DECISION OF CHAIR.—Ap-  
21 peals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the  
22 application of the rules of the House of Representa-  
23 tives or of the Senate, as the case may be, to the  
24 procedure relating to a resolution of approval shall  
25 be decided without debate.

1 (d) CONSIDERATION BY OTHER HOUSE.—

2 (1) PROCEDURE.—If, before the passage by one  
3 House of Congress of a resolution of approval that  
4 was introduced in that House, that House receives  
5 from the other House a resolution of approval—

6 (A) the resolution of approval of the other  
7 House shall not be referred to a committee and  
8 may not be considered in the House that re-  
9 ceives it otherwise than on final passage under  
10 subparagraph (B)(ii); and

11 (B)(i) the procedure in the House that re-  
12 ceives such a resolution of approval with respect  
13 to the resolution of approval that was intro-  
14 duced in that House shall be the same as if no  
15 resolution of approval had been received from  
16 the other House; but

17 (ii) the vote on final passage shall be on  
18 the resolution of approval of the other House.

19 (2) NO CONSIDERATION.—On disposition of a  
20 resolution of approval that is received by one House  
21 from the other House, it shall no longer be in order  
22 to consider such a resolution of approval that was  
23 introduced in the receiving House.

24 (e) RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
25 AND SENATE.—This section is enacted by Congress—

1           (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of  
2 the House of Representatives and Senate, respec-  
3 tively, and is deemed to be part of the rules of each  
4 House, respectively, but applicable only with respect  
5 to the procedure to be followed in that House in the  
6 case of a resolution of approval, and it supersedes  
7 other rules only to the extent that it is inconsistent  
8 with those rules; and

9           (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
10 right of either House to change the rules (so far as  
11 they relate to the procedure of that House) at any  
12 time, in the same manner, and to the same extent  
13 as in the case of any other rule of that House.

14 **SEC. 216. CLOSURE, RECONFIGURATION, TRANSFER, AND**  
15 **PRIVATIZATION OF ENERGY LABORATORIES.**

16 Subject to subsection (b), the President shall—

17           (1) not later than 1 year after the date of the  
18 transmittal of the final report under section  
19 204(f)(4), close all nondefense energy laboratories  
20 and basic science programs except those that the  
21 Commission report recommends for reconfiguration,  
22 transfer, or privatization;

23           (2) not later than 1 year after the date of the  
24 transmittal of the final report under section  
25 204(f)(4), close all nondefense energy laboratories

1 and basic science programs that the Commission re-  
2 port recommends for reconfiguration or transfer, un-  
3 less Congress has enacted a resolution of approval  
4 approving a reconfiguration or transfer, in which  
5 case the President shall effect the reconfiguration or  
6 transfer not later than 180 days after the date of  
7 the resolution of approval; and

8 (3) not later than 18 months after the date of  
9 the transmittal of the final report under section  
10 204(f)(4), close all nondefense energy laboratories  
11 and basic science programs that the Commission re-  
12 port recommends for privatization, unless Congress  
13 has enacted a resolution of approval approving the  
14 privatization, in which case the President shall effect  
15 the privatization not later than 180 days after the  
16 date of the resolution of approval.

17 **SEC. 217. IMPLEMENTATION OF CLOSURE, RECONFIGURA-**  
18 **TION, TRANSFER, AND PRIVATIZATION AC-**  
19 **TIONS.**

20 (a) IMPLEMENTATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—In closing, reconfiguring,  
22 transferring, or privatizing a nondefense energy lab-  
23 oratory or basic science program under this title, the  
24 President shall—

1 (A) take such actions as are necessary to  
2 close, reconfigure, transfer, or privatize the  
3 nondefense energy laboratory or basic science  
4 program;

5 (B) take such steps as are necessary to en-  
6 sure the safekeeping of all records stored at the  
7 nondefense energy laboratory or basic science  
8 program; and

9 (C) direct the reimbursement of Federal  
10 agencies for actions performed at the request of  
11 the President with respect to any such closure,  
12 reconfiguration, transfer, or privatization using  
13 funds in the Account or funds appropriated to  
14 the Department of Energy and available for  
15 that purpose.

16 (2) FUNDING.—In carrying out activities re-  
17 ferred to in paragraph (1), the Secretary or Admin-  
18 istrator may use funds in the Energy Laboratory  
19 Facility Closure Account established under section  
20 218(a) or funds appropriated to the Department of  
21 Energy or the Agency and available for the purpose.

22 (b) MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of Gen-  
24 eral Services shall delegate to the Secretary or Ad-  
25 ministrator, with respect to excess and surplus real

1 property and facilities located at a nondefense en-  
2 ergy laboratory or basic science program that is  
3 closed, reconfigured, transferred, or privatized under  
4 this title, authority—

5 (A) to utilize excess property under section  
6 202 of the Federal Property and Administrative  
7 Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 483);

8 (B) to dispose of surplus property under  
9 section 203 of that Act (40 U.S.C. 484);

10 (C) to grant approvals and make deter-  
11 minations under section 13(g) of the Surplus  
12 Property Act of 1944 (50 U.S.C. App.  
13 1622(g)); and

14 (D) to determine the availability of excess  
15 or surplus real property for wildlife conserva-  
16 tion purposes in accordance with the Act of  
17 May 19, 1948 (16 U.S.C. 667b).

18 (2) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY.—

19 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
20 graph (C), the Secretary or Administrator shall  
21 exercise the authority delegated to the Sec-  
22 retary or Administrator under paragraph (1) in  
23 accordance with all regulations in effect on the  
24 date of enactment of this Act governing—

1 (i) the utilization of excess property  
2 and the disposal of surplus property under  
3 the Federal Property and Administrative  
4 Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 et  
5 seq.); and

6 (ii) the conveyance and disposal of  
7 property under section 13(g) of the Sur-  
8 plus Property Act of 1944 (50 U.S.C. App.  
9 1622(g)).

10 (B) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary or Ad-  
11 ministrator, after consulting with the Adminis-  
12 trator of General Services, may issue regula-  
13 tions that are necessary to carry out the delega-  
14 tion of authority under paragraph (1).

15 (C) LIMITATION.—The authority required  
16 to be delegated by paragraph (1) to the Sec-  
17 retary or Administrator by the Administrator of  
18 General Services does not include the authority  
19 to prescribe general policies and methods for  
20 utilizing excess property and disposing of sur-  
21 plus property.

22 (c) WAIVER.—The President may close, reconfigure,  
23 transfer, or privatize a nondefense energy laboratory or  
24 basic science program under this subtitle without regard  
25 to any law restricting the use of funds for reconfiguring,

1 transferring, privatizing, or closing energy laboratories or  
2 basic science programs included in any appropriations or  
3 authorization Act.

4 **SEC. 218. ACCOUNT.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
6 Treasury of the United States an account to be known  
7 as the “Energy Laboratory Facility Closure Account”,  
8 which shall be administered by the Secretary or Adminis-  
9 trator as a single account.

10 (b) CONTENT OF ACCOUNT.—There shall be depos-  
11 ited in the Account—

12 (1) funds authorized for and appropriated to  
13 the Account; and

14 (2) any funds that the President or the Sec-  
15 retary or Administrator may, subject to approval in  
16 an appropriation Act, transfer to the Account from  
17 funds appropriated to the Department of Energy for  
18 any purpose, except that such funds may be trans-  
19 ferred only after the date on which the President or  
20 the Secretary or Administrator transmits written no-  
21 tice of, and justification for, such transfer to the  
22 congressional energy committees.

23 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—The President or the Secretary  
24 or Administrator may use the funds in the Account only  
25 for the purposes described in section 217(a).

1 (d) REPORTS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
3 the end of each fiscal year in which the President or  
4 the Secretary or Administrator carries out activities  
5 under this title, the President or the Secretary or  
6 Administrator shall transmit a report to the congres-  
7 sional energy committees of the amount and nature  
8 of the deposits into, and the expenditures from, the  
9 Account during the fiscal year and of the amount  
10 and nature of other expenditures made pursuant to  
11 section 204(a) during such fiscal year.

12 (2) UNOBLIGATED FUNDS.—Unobligated funds  
13 shall be held in the Account until transferred by law.

14 **SEC. 219. REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION.**

15 As part of the budget request for each fiscal year in  
16 which the President or the Secretary or Administrator is  
17 authorized to carry out activities under this subtitle, the  
18 President shall transmit to the congressional energy com-  
19 mittees—

20 (1) a schedule of the closure, reconfiguration,  
21 transfer, and privatization actions to be carried out  
22 under this subtitle in the fiscal year for which the  
23 request is made and an estimate of the total expend-  
24 itures required and cost savings to be achieved by  
25 each such closure, reconfiguration, transfer, and pri-

1       vatization and of the time period in which the sav-  
2       ings are to be achieved in each case; and

3               (2) a description of the energy laboratories to  
4       which functions are to be transferred as a result of  
5       such closures, reconfigurations, transfers, and  
6       privatizations.

## 7       **TITLE III—POWER MARKETING** 8               **ADMINISTRATIONS**

### 9       **SEC. 301. FINDINGS.**

10       Congress finds that—

11               (1) the Federal power marketing administra-  
12       tions have served over the years to help bring elec-  
13       tricity to many areas of the Nation;

14               (2) the receipt of transmission access by all  
15       parties resulting from the amendments to section  
16       212 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824k)  
17       made by section 722 of the Energy Policy Act of  
18       1992 (106 Stat. 2916) allows wholesale customers to  
19       purchase power from numerous sources;

20               (3) in fairness to longtime consumers of the  
21       power marketing administrations, any changes to  
22       the current operations of the power marketing ad-  
23       ministrations should consider the impact on those  
24       customers and provide an opportunity for those cus-  
25       tomers to contribute their expertise in the process.

1 **SEC. 302. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this title, the term “power marketing administra-  
3 tion” means—

- 4 (1) the Bonneville Power Administration;
- 5 (2) the Southeastern Power Administration;
- 6 (3) the Southwestern Power Administration;
- 7 and
- 8 (4) the Western Area Power Administration.

9 **SEC. 303. TRANSFER TO ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS.**

10 (a) **TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.**—There are trans-  
11 ferred to the Secretary of the Army, acting through the  
12 Chief of Engineers of the Army Corps of Engineers, all  
13 of the functions of—

- 14 (1) the Administrator of the Bonneville Power  
15 Administration;
- 16 (2) the Administrator of the Southeastern  
17 Power Administration;
- 18 (3) the Administrator of the Southwestern  
19 Power Administration; and
- 20 (4) the Administrator of the Western Area  
21 Power Administration.

22 (b) **STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COMP-**  
23 **TROLLER GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after the date  
24 of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the  
25 United States shall—

1           (1) perform a study of each power marketing  
2           administration that recognizes the uniqueness of  
3           each power marketing administration; and

4           (2) submit to Congress a comprehensive report  
5           that—

6                   (A) catalogues the assets and liabilities of  
7                   each power marketing administration, including  
8                   any unrealized obligations to contribute funds  
9                   or deliver electric power for purposes estab-  
10                  lished under law in effect on the date of enact-  
11                  ment of this Act;

12                  (B) considers all reasonable options for re-  
13                  structuring of the power marketing administra-  
14                  tions;

15                  (C) considers how best to protect the eco-  
16                  nomic interests of current customers of the  
17                  power marketing administrations while protect-  
18                  ing the taxpayers; and

19                  (D) makes recommendations to Congress  
20                  for the final disposition of the power marketing  
21                  administrations.

22           (c) CURRENT CUSTOMER CONTRACTS.—It is the in-  
23           tent of Congress that—

24                   (1) under any final disposition of the power  
25                   marketing administration that Congress may ap-

1       prove, any purchaser of facilities shall be required to  
2       maintain any contracts with customers that, as of  
3       the effective date, are in force for the remaining life  
4       of the contracts; and

5               (2) any sales of facilities shall be effectuated in  
6       a manner that minimizes the impact on the ultimate  
7       ratepayers.

8               **TITLE IV—TRANSFER AND**  
9               **DISPOSAL OF RESERVES**  
10              **Subtitle A—Strategic Petroleum**  
11              **Reserve**

12      **SEC. 401. STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.**

13       (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Strate-  
14      gic Petroleum Reserve” means petroleum products stored  
15      in storage facilities pursuant to part B of title I of the  
16      Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6231 et  
17      seq.), including the Industrial Petroleum Reserve, the  
18      Early Storage Reserve, and the Regional Petroleum Re-  
19      serve.

20       (b) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—There are trans-  
21      ferred to the Secretary of Defense all functions performed  
22      by the Secretary of Energy with respect to the Strategic  
23      Petroleum Reserve on the date before the date of the en-  
24      actment of this Act.

25       (c) PLAN FOR DISPOSAL OF RESERVE.—

1           (1) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than  
2           180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the  
3           Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress a  
4           plan for the disposal of the Strategic Petroleum Re-  
5           serve (other than the portions of the reserve that the  
6           Secretary proposes to retain in order to meet the na-  
7           tional security interests of the United States).

8           (2) DEADLINE.—The plan under paragraph (1)  
9           shall provide for the disposal of the reserve not later  
10          than 3 years after the date of the enactment of this  
11          Act.

12          (3) CONTENTS.—The plan shall contain—

13                (A) an assessment of the volume of petro-  
14                leum products in the Strategic Petroleum Re-  
15                serve (other than the reserves held at Weeks Is-  
16                land, Louisiana) that the Secretary of Defense  
17                proposes to retain in order to meet the national  
18                security interests of the United States;

19                (B) a list of the storage facilities (includ-  
20                ing the storage facilities of the Strategic Petro-  
21                leum Reserve, if appropriate) at which such pe-  
22                troleum products will be retained, and the vol-  
23                ume of petroleum products that will be retained  
24                at each storage facility;

1           (C) a proposal for the disposal of the pe-  
2           troleum products in the Strategic Petroleum  
3           Reserve on the date of enactment of this Act  
4           that will not be retained, including a detailed  
5           schedule for the disposal of such petroleum  
6           products; and

7           (D) a plan for the disposal of the reserves  
8           held at Weeks Island, Louisiana.

9           (d) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 90 days after the  
10          date on which the Secretary of Defense submits the plan  
11          under subsection (c), the Comptroller General of the  
12          United States shall submit to Congress a study that—

13           (1) examines whether the plan provides for the  
14          disposal of any portions of the Strategic Petroleum  
15          Reserve that may be needed to be retained in order  
16          to ensure that the national security interests of the  
17          United States are met; and

18           (2) sets forth the costs of retaining portions of  
19          the Strategic Petroleum Reserve that should be re-  
20          tained.

21          (e) IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN.—The Secretary  
22          shall carry out the plan under subsection (c) not later than  
23          3 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

## **Subtitle B—Naval Petroleum Reserves**

### **3 SEC. 411. NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES.**

4 (a) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the  
5 term “naval petroleum reserves” has the meaning given  
6 that term in section 7420(2) of title 10, United States  
7 Code, except that the term does not include Naval Petro-  
8 leum Reserve Numbered 1 (Elk Hills).

9 (b) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—There are trans-  
10 ferred to the Administrator of the Energy Programs Reso-  
11 lution Agency all functions performed with respect to the  
12 naval petroleum reserves.

13 (c) DISPOSAL OF RESERVES.—

14 (1) DISPOSAL WITHIN 1 YEAR.—The Adminis-  
15 trator shall, to the maximum extent practicable, take  
16 appropriate actions to carry out the disposal of the  
17 reserves of the naval petroleum reserves not later  
18 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

19 (2) JOINT PLAN.—The Administrator shall  
20 carry out the disposal in accordance with a plan  
21 jointly developed by the Administrator, the Secretary  
22 of the Interior, and the Secretary of the Army.

23 (d) TRANSFER OF REMAINING RESERVES.—At the  
24 end of the 1-year period beginning on the date of enact-  
25 ment of this Act, the Administrator shall transfer to the

1 Secretary of the Interior all functions performed by the  
 2 Administrator with respect to the portions of the naval  
 3 petroleum reserves that are not disposed of by the Admin-  
 4 istrator under subsection (c) during that period.

5 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1)(A) Chapter  
 6 641 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

7 (B) The table of chapters at the beginning of subtitle  
 8 C of title 10, United States Code, and at the beginning  
 9 of part IV of that subtitle, are each amended by striking  
 10 the item relating to chapter 641.

11 (2) The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall  
 12 take effect 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

13 **TITLE V—NATIONAL SECURITY**  
 14 **AND ENVIRONMENTAL MAN-**  
 15 **AGEMENT PROGRAMS**

16 **SEC. 501. ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF DE-**  
 17 **FENSE NUCLEAR PROGRAMS AGENCY.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR PRO-  
 19 GRAMS AGENCY.—

20 (1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term  
 21 “defense nuclear programs matters” means matters  
 22 related to the military use of nuclear energy and nu-  
 23 clear weapons, including all such matters that were  
 24 under the jurisdiction of the following entities on the  
 25 day before the date of enactment of this Act:

1 (A) The Department of Energy.

2 (B) The Defense Nuclear Agency of the  
3 Department of Defense.

4 (C) The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety  
5 Board.

6 (2) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in  
7 the Department of Defense an agency to be known  
8 as the Defense Nuclear Programs Agency, which  
9 shall have primary responsibility within the Govern-  
10 ment for defense nuclear program matters.

11 (b) UNDER SECRETARY.—Chapter 4 of title 10,  
12 United States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
13 133a the following:

14 **“§ 133b. Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nu-**  
15 **clear Programs**

16 “(a) There is an Under Secretary of Defense for De-  
17 fense Nuclear Programs, appointed from civilian life by  
18 the President, by and with the advice and consent of the  
19 Senate.

20 “(b) The Under Secretary of Defense for Defense  
21 Nuclear Programs shall serve as the principal adviser to  
22 the President and the Secretary of Defense on all pro-  
23 grams and matters related to the military use of nuclear  
24 energy and nuclear weapons.



1 (d) ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.—Section 138 of title  
2 10, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “eleven” and  
4 inserting “fifteen”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end of subsection (c) the  
6 following:

7 “(6) One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the As-  
8 sistant Secretary for Defense Nuclear Weapons Facilities  
9 Restoration who shall have as his principal duty the over-  
10 all supervision of environmental restoration of defense nu-  
11 clear weapons facilities.

12 “(7) One of the Assistant Secretaries shall be the As-  
13 sistant Secretary for Defense Nuclear Laboratories who  
14 shall have as his principal duty the overall supervision of  
15 the oversight of the functions and budgets of the Sandia  
16 National Laboratories, the Los Alamos National Labora-  
17 tory, and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.”.

18 (e) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—There shall be an Inspec-  
19 tor General of the Agency, who shall be appointed as pro-  
20 vided in section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978  
21 (5 U.S.C. App. 3). The Inspector General shall perform  
22 the duties, have the responsibilities, and exercise the pow-  
23 ers specified in the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5  
24 U.S.C. App. 3).

1 (f) GENERAL COUNSEL.—There shall be a General  
 2 Counsel of the Agency, who shall be appointed by the  
 3 Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nuclear Pro-  
 4 grams. The General Counsel shall be the chief legal officer  
 5 for all legal matters arising from the conduct of the func-  
 6 tions of the Agency.

7 (g) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 134(c)  
 8 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by inserting  
 9 “the Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nuclear Pro-  
 10 grams,” after “the Under Secretary of Defense for Acqui-  
 11 sition and Technology,”.

12 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter  
 13 4 of such title is amended by inserting after the item relat-  
 14 ing to section 133a the following new items:

“133b. Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nuclear Programs.

“133c. Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nuclear Programs.”.

15 **SEC. 502. FUNCTIONS OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR PROGRAMS**  
 16 **AGENCY.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for Defense  
 18 Nuclear Programs shall be responsible for the exercise of  
 19 all powers and the discharge of all duties of the Defense  
 20 Nuclear Programs Agency established under section 501.

21 (b) TRANSFERRED FUNCTIONS.—The Under Sec-  
 22 retary for Defense Nuclear Programs shall carry out all  
 23 functions transferred to the Under Secretary under sec-  
 24 tion 503.

1 (c) STAFF DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS COUN-  
2 CIL.—Paragraph (2) of section 179(c) of title 10, United  
3 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 “(2) The Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Pro-  
5 grams shall be the Staff Director of the Council.”.

6 **SEC. 503. TRANSFERS OF FUNCTIONS.**

7 (a) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.—

8 (1) NATIONAL SECURITY FUNCTIONS.—There  
9 are transferred to the Under Secretary for Defense  
10 Nuclear Programs all functions performed by the  
11 Department of Energy on the day before the date of  
12 enactment of this Act relating to the national secu-  
13 rity functions of the Department, including defense,  
14 nonproliferation, and defense-related environmental  
15 management programs.

16 (2) OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS.—There are trans-  
17 ferred to the Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear  
18 Programs all functions performed by the Depart-  
19 ment of Energy on the day before the date of enact-  
20 ment of this Act relating to the oversight of the de-  
21 fense and nondefense functions and budgets of the  
22 following energy laboratories:

23 (A) Sandia National Laboratories, Albu-  
24 querque, New Mexico, and Livermore, Califor-  
25 nia.

1 (B) Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los  
2 Alamos, New Mexico.

3 (C) Lawrence Livermore National Labora-  
4 tory, California.

5 (b) DEFENSE NUCLEAR AGENCY.—There are trans-  
6 ferred to the Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Pro-  
7 grams all functions performed by the Defense Nuclear  
8 Agency of the Department of Defense on the day before  
9 the date of enactment of this Act relating to nuclear weap-  
10 ons systems.

11 (c) DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY  
12 BOARD.—There are transferred to the Under Secretary  
13 for Defense Nuclear Programs all functions performed by  
14 the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on the day  
15 before the date of enactment of this Act.

16 (d) OTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS-RELATED FUNC-  
17 TIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may transfer to the  
18 Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Programs such  
19 other functions performed in the Department of Defense  
20 on the day before the date of enactment of this Act relat-  
21 ing to nuclear weapons as the Secretary considers appro-  
22 priate.

23 (e) CONFORMING REPEALS.—

1           (1) ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DE-  
2 FENSE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY.—(A) Section 141 of  
3 title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

4           (B) The table of sections at the beginning of  
5 chapter 4 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
6 ed by striking the item relating to section 141.

7           (2) DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY  
8 BOARD.—Chapter 21 of the Atomic Energy Act of  
9 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286) is repealed.

10          (3) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Assist-  
11 ant Secretary of Defense for Atomic Energy or the  
12 Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board in any law  
13 or in any rule, regulation, or other paper of the  
14 United States shall be treated as a reference to the  
15 Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Programs.

16 **SEC. 504. LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS OF FUNDS.**

17          (a) APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR  
18 PROGRAMS AGENCY.—No amount appropriated to the De-  
19 fense Nuclear Programs Agency may be transferred to any  
20 other account (other than another account of the Defense  
21 Nuclear Programs Agency) unless the transfer of such  
22 amount to such account is specifically authorized by law.

23          (b) OTHER APPROPRIATIONS.—No amount appro-  
24 priated to the Department of Defense or another depart-  
25 ment or agency may be transferred to the Under Secretary

1 for Defense Nuclear Programs or to an account for the  
2 Agency unless the transfer of the amount to that account  
3 is specifically authorized by law.

4 **SEC. 505. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.**

5 (a) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES.—Except as other-  
6 wise provided by law, the Under Secretary for Defense  
7 Nuclear Programs may, for purposes of performing a  
8 function that is transferred to the Under Secretary by this  
9 Act, exercise all authorities under any other provision of  
10 law that were available with respect to the performance  
11 of that function to the official responsible for the perform-  
12 ance of that function on the day before the date of enact-  
13 ment of this Act.

14 (b) AUTHORITIES TO WIND UP AFFAIRS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—

16 (A) DIRECTOR OF OMB.—The Director of  
17 the Office of Management and Budget may  
18 take such actions as the Director considers nec-  
19 essary to wind up any outstanding affairs of—

20 (i) the Department of Energy associ-  
21 ated with the functions that are trans-  
22 ferred under to section 503(a); and

23 (ii) the Defense Nuclear Facilities  
24 Safety Board.

1           (B) SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The Sec-  
2           retary of Defense may take such actions as the  
3           Secretary considers necessary to wind up any  
4           outstanding affairs of the Defense Nuclear  
5           Agency associated with the functions that are  
6           transferred under section 503(b), any outstand-  
7           ing affairs of the Department of Defense asso-  
8           ciated with any functions that may be trans-  
9           ferred under section 503(d), and any outstand-  
10          ing affairs of the Assistant to the Secretary of  
11          Defense for Atomic Energy.

12          (C) SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.—The Sec-  
13          retary of the Navy may take such actions as the  
14          Secretary considers necessary to wind up any  
15          outstanding affairs of the Strategic Systems  
16          Programs of the Department of the Navy asso-  
17          ciated with the functions that are transferred  
18          under section 503(e).

19          (2) TRANSFER OF ASSETS.—So much of the  
20          personnel, property, records, and unexpended bal-  
21          ances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds  
22          employed, used, held, available, or to be made avail-  
23          able in connection with a function transferred to the  
24          Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Programs by

1 this Act are transferred to the Under Secretary for  
2 use in connection with the functions transferred.

3 (3) FURTHER MEASURES AND DISPOSITIONS.—

4 Such further measures and dispositions as the Presi-  
5 dent considers necessary to effectuate the transfers  
6 referred to under section 503(b) shall be carried out  
7 in such manner as the President directs and by the  
8 heads of such agencies as the President designates.

9 **SEC. 506. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

10 (a) INSPECTOR GENERAL ACT OF 1978.—Section 11  
11 of the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) is  
12 amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1) by inserting after “Inter-  
14 national Development,” the following: “the Defense  
15 Nuclear Programs Agency,”; and

16 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking “or the Social  
17 Security Administration;” and inserting in lieu  
18 thereof “the Social Security Administration, or the  
19 Defense Nuclear Programs Agency;”.

20 (b) EXECUTIVE SCHEDULE.—(1) Section 5313 of  
21 title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
22 the item relating to the Under Secretary of Defense for  
23 Acquisition and Technology the following:

24 “Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nu-  
25 clear Programs.”.

1           (2) Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is  
2 amended by inserting after the item relating to the Deputy  
3 Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Tech-  
4 nology the following:

5           “Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for De-  
6 fense Nuclear Programs.”.

7           (3) Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is  
8 amended by striking out the item relating to the Assistant  
9 Secretaries of Defense and inserting in lieu thereof the  
10 following:

11           “Assistant Secretaries of Defense (15).”.

12           (4) Section 5316 of title 5, United States Code, is  
13 amended by inserting after the item relating to the Deputy  
14 General Counsel of the Department of Defense the follow-  
15 ing:

16           “General Counsel of the Defense Nuclear Pro-  
17 grams Agency.”.

18 **SEC. 507. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TRANSITION PERIOD.**

19           (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-  
20 section (b), this title shall take effect on the date of enact-  
21 ment of this Act.

22           (b) DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ESTABLISH-  
23 MENT OF AGENCY AND TRANSFERS OF FUNCTIONS.—  
24 Section 501(a) and section 503 shall take effect on the  
25 date that is year after the date of enactment of this Act.

1           (c) TRANSITION PERIOD.—The Secretary of Defense,  
2 the Secretary of Energy, the Assistant to the Secretary  
3 of Defense for Atomic Energy, and the Defense Nuclear  
4 Facilities Safety Board shall, beginning as soon as prac-  
5 ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, plan for  
6 the orderly establishment of, and transfer of functions to,  
7 the Defense Nuclear Programs Agency under this Act.

8           (d) APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY.—The President may  
9 make appointments under section 501 notwithstanding the  
10 delayed effective date under subsection (b) for the estab-  
11 lishment of the Defense Nuclear Programs Agency.

12 **TITLE           VI—ENVIRONMENTAL**  
13 **RESTORATION ACTIVITIES AT**  
14 **DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILI-**  
15 **TIES**

16 **SEC. 601. ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES AT**  
17 **DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES.**

18           The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Com-  
19 pensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et  
20 seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new  
21 title:

1 **“TITLE IV—ENVIRONMENTAL**  
2 **RESTORATION ACTIVITIES AT**  
3 **DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILI-**  
4 **TIES**

5 **“Subtitle A—General Provisions**

6 **“SEC. 401. APPLICABILITY.**

7 “Notwithstanding section 120, this title shall apply  
8 with respect to selection of remedial actions at defense nu-  
9 clear facilities.

10 **“SEC. 402. DEFINITIONS.**

11 “In this title:

12 “(1) DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITY.—The term  
13 ‘defense nuclear facility’ means—

14 “(A) a production facility or utilization fa-  
15 cility (as those terms are defined in section 11  
16 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C.  
17 2014)) that is under the control or jurisdiction  
18 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Defense  
19 Nuclear Programs and that is operated for na-  
20 tional security purposes (including the tritium  
21 loading facility at Savannah River, South Caro-  
22 lina, the 236 H facility at Savannah River,  
23 South Carolina, and the Mound Laboratory,  
24 Ohio), but the term does not include any facil-  
25 ity that does not conduct atomic energy defense

1 activities and does not include any facility or  
2 activity covered by Executive Order Number  
3 12344, dated February 1, 1982, pertaining to  
4 the naval nuclear propulsion program;

5 “(B) a nuclear waste storage or disposal  
6 facility that is under the control or jurisdiction  
7 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Defense  
8 Nuclear Programs;

9 “(C) a testing and assembly facility that is  
10 under the control or jurisdiction of the Under  
11 Secretary of Defense for Defense Nuclear Pro-  
12 grams and that is operated for national security  
13 purposes (including the Nevada Test Site, Ne-  
14 vada, the Pinnellas Plant, Florida, and the  
15 Pantex facility, Texas);

16 “(D) an atomic weapons research facility  
17 that is under the control or jurisdiction of the  
18 Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nu-  
19 clear Programs (including the Lawrence Liver-  
20 more, Los Alamos, and Sandia National Lab-  
21 oratories); or

22 “(E) a facility described in subparagraphs  
23 (A) through (D) that—

24 “(i) is no longer in operation;



1       “(c) MINIMIZATION OF DELAYS.—The Under Sec-  
2 retary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure  
3 the minimization of any delays in the performance of re-  
4 medial action that result from the Under Secretary’s ac-  
5 tivities under subsection (a).

6       “(d) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section ap-  
7 plies to any remedial action at a defense nuclear facility—

8               “(1) which is being performed as of the date of  
9 enactment of this title, including a facility for which  
10 construction is ongoing or has been completed as of  
11 that date; or

12               “(2) for which construction is planned but has  
13 not yet commenced as of such date of enactment.

14 **“SEC. 412. SELECTION OF REMEDIAL ACTION.**

15       “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary shall select  
16 a remedial action for a defense nuclear facility based on  
17 consideration of a site-specific risk assessment conducted  
18 in accordance with section 413 and an analysis of risk re-  
19 duction benefits and costs conducted in accordance with  
20 section 414.

21       “(b) REQUIREMENT FOR LOWEST COST ACTION.—  
22 In selecting a remedial action, the Under Secretary shall  
23 select the lowest cost action which achieves a residual risk  
24 that is within the risk range goal established by the Na-

1 tional Contingency Plan for protection of public health  
2 and the environment, unless—

3 “(1) the incremental benefits of a more expen-  
4 sive remedial action justify incurring the incremental  
5 costs of the more expensive remedy, as set forth in  
6 the analysis of risk reductions cost and benefits for  
7 the remedial action under section 414, in which case  
8 a more expensive remedy may be selected; or

9 “(2) the benefits of the lowest cost remedy  
10 which achieves a residual risk level within the risk  
11 range goal are not reasonably related to the costs of  
12 such remedy, in which case a less expensive remedy  
13 may be selected.

14 “(c) CONSULTATION.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Before selection of a reme-  
16 dial action and before public comment under sub-  
17 section (d), the Under Secretary shall consult with  
18 the Administrator, officials of State, local, or tribal  
19 governments having jurisdiction over the property  
20 or, in the case of property which is exclusively under  
21 Federal jurisdiction, having jurisdiction over the sur-  
22 rounding areas.

23 “(2) MATTERS TO BE ADDRESSED.—Consulta-  
24 tion under paragraph (1) shall include discussion of,  
25 at a minimum, current area demographics, land and

1 water uses, and currently planned land and water  
2 uses, the determination of which shall remain the  
3 sole purview of the appropriate State, local, or tribal  
4 government with jurisdiction.

5 “(d) PUBLIC COMMENT.—Before selection of a reme-  
6 dial action, the Under Secretary shall provide a period of  
7 not less than 30 days for public comment on the remedial  
8 action.

9 “(e) CERTIFICATION.—When selecting a remedial ac-  
10 tion, the Under Secretary shall certify that—

11 “(1) the analysis of risk reduction benefits and  
12 costs for the remedial action under section 414 is  
13 based on objective and unbiased scientific and eco-  
14 nomic evaluations of all significant and relevant in-  
15 formation and on risk assessments provided to the  
16 Under Secretary by interested parties relating to the  
17 costs, risks, and risk reduction and other benefits of  
18 the remedial action selected;

19 “(2) the incremental risk reduction or other  
20 benefits of the remedial action will be likely to jus-  
21 tify, and be reasonably related to, the incremental  
22 costs incurred by the Federal Government, by State,  
23 local, and tribal governments, and other public and  
24 private entities; and

1           “(3) alternative remedial actions identified or  
2           considered by the Under Secretary were found to be  
3           less cost-effective at achieving a substantially equiva-  
4           lent reduction in risk.

5           “(f) ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD.—All documents con-  
6           sidered by the Under Secretary shall be made part of the  
7           administrative record for purposes of judicial review.

8           **“SEC. 413. SITE-SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT.**

9           “(a) IN GENERAL.—A site-specific risk assessment  
10          shall be performed in accordance with this section before  
11          the selection of a remedial action at a defense nuclear fa-  
12          cility.

13          “(b) PRINCIPLES.—

14               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary shall  
15               apply the principles described in paragraph (3) to  
16               ensure that a site-specific risk assessment—

17                       “(A) distinguishes scientific findings from  
18                       other considerations;

19                       “(B) is, to the extent feasible, scientifically  
20                       objective, unbiased, and inclusive of all relevant  
21                       data; and

22                       “(C) relies, to the extent available and  
23                       practicable, on factual site-specific data.

24               “(2) NO REPETITION.—Discussions or expla-  
25               nations required under this section need not be re-

1 peated in each risk assessment document if there is  
2 a reference to the relevant discussions or explanation  
3 in another agency document that is available to the  
4 public.

5 “(3) PRINCIPLES.—The principles to be applied  
6 in conducting a site-specific risk assessment are as  
7 follows:

8 “(A) HUMAN HEALTH RISKS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In connection with  
10 a discussion of human health risks, a site-  
11 specific risk assessment shall contain a dis-  
12 cussion of both relevant laboratory and rel-  
13 evant epidemiologic data of sufficient qual-  
14 ity which finds, or fails to find, a correla-  
15 tion between health risks and a potential  
16 toxin or activity.

17 “(ii) CONFLICTS.—If conflicts among  
18 those data appear to exist or animal data  
19 are used as a basis to assess human  
20 health, the site-specific risk assessment  
21 shall, to the extent feasible and appro-  
22 priate, include discussion of possible rec-  
23 onciliation of conflicting information, and,  
24 as relevant, differences in study designs,  
25 comparative physiology, routes of exposure,

1 bioavailability, pharmacokinetics, and any  
2 other relevant factor, including the suffi-  
3 ciency of basic data for review.

4 “(iii) RECONCILIATION.—The discus-  
5 sion of possible reconciliation should indi-  
6 cate whether there is a biological basis to  
7 assume a resulting harm in humans.

8 “(iv) ANIMAL DATA.—Animal data  
9 shall be reviewed with regard to its rel-  
10 evancy to humans.

11 “(B) DEFAULT VALUE, ASSUMPTION, IN-  
12 FERENCE, OR MODEL.—If a site-specific risk  
13 assessment involves selection of any significant  
14 default value, assumption, inference, or model,  
15 the risk assessment document shall, to the ex-  
16 tent feasible—

17 “(i) present a representative list and  
18 explanation of plausible and alternative as-  
19 sumptions, inferences, or models;

20 “(ii) explain the basis for any choices;

21 “(iii) identify any policy or value judg-  
22 ments;

23 “(iv) fully describe any model used in  
24 the risk assessment and make explicit the

1 assumptions incorporated in the model;  
2 and

3 “(v) indicate the extent to which any  
4 significant model has been validated by, or  
5 conflicts with, empirical data.

6 “(C) RISK CHARACTERIZATION AND COM-  
7 MUNICATION.—The site-specific risk assessment  
8 shall meet each of the following requirements  
9 regarding risk characterization and communica-  
10 tion:

11 “(i) RISK CHARACTERIZATION.—

12 “(I) DESCRIPTION OF POPU-  
13 LATIONS.—The risk characterization  
14 shall describe the populations or natu-  
15 ral resources that are the subject of  
16 the risk characterization.

17 “(II) NUMERICAL ESTIMATES.—  
18 If a numerical estimate of risk is pro-  
19 vided, the Under Secretary shall, to  
20 the extent feasible, provide—

21 “(aa) the best estimate or  
22 estimates for the specific popu-  
23 lations or natural resources  
24 which are the subject to the char-  
25 acterization (based on the infor-

1 mation available to the Under  
2 Secretary); and

3 “(bb) a statement of the  
4 reasonable range of scientific un-  
5 certainties.

6 “(III) OTHER ESTIMATES.—In  
7 addition to best estimate or estimates  
8 under subclause (I)(aa), the risk char-  
9 acterization document may present  
10 plausible upper-bound or conservative  
11 estimates in conjunction with plau-  
12 sible lower-bound estimates.

13 “(IV) MULTIPLE BEST ESTI-  
14 MATES.—If appropriate, the risk char-  
15 acterization document may present, in  
16 lieu of a single best estimate, multiple  
17 best estimates based on assumptions,  
18 inferences, or models which are equal-  
19 ly plausible, given current scientific  
20 understanding.

21 “(V) DISTRIBUTION AND PROB-  
22 ABILITY OF RISK.—To the extent  
23 practicable and appropriate, the risk  
24 characterization document shall pro-  
25 vide descriptions of the distribution

1 and probability of risk estimates to re-  
2 flect differences in exposure variability  
3 or sensitivity in populations and at-  
4 tendance uncertainties.

5 “(VI) SUBPOPULATIONS.—Sen-  
6 sitive subpopulations or highly ex-  
7 posed subpopulations include, to the  
8 extent relevant and appropriate, chil-  
9 dren, the elderly, pregnant women,  
10 and disabled persons.

11 “(ii) EXPOSURE SCENARIOS.—

12 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Exposure  
13 scenarios shall be based on actual ex-  
14 posure pathways and currently  
15 planned future land and water uses as  
16 established by any local governmental  
17 authorities with jurisdiction over the  
18 property and shall consider the avail-  
19 ability of alternative water supplies.

20 “(II) SIZE OF POPULATION AT  
21 RISK.—To the extent feasible, the  
22 site-specific risk assessment shall in-  
23 clude a statement of the size of the  
24 population at risk under any proposed

1 exposure scenario and the likelihood  
2 of such scenario.

3 “(III) EXPOSURE PATHWAYS.—  
4 Exposure scenarios shall explicitly  
5 identify any exposure scenarios that  
6 result in plausible completed exposure  
7 pathways.

8 “(iii) MAGNITUDE OF RISKS.—

9 “(I) IN GENERAL.—A site-spe-  
10 cific risk assessment shall contain a  
11 statement that places the magnitude  
12 of risks to human health, safety, or  
13 the environment in context.

14 “(II) COMPARISONS WITH OTHER  
15 RISKS.—A statement under subclause  
16 (I) shall, to the extent feasible, pro-  
17 vide comparisons with estimates of  
18 greater, lesser, and substantially  
19 equivalent risks that are familiar to  
20 and routinely encountered by the gen-  
21 eral public as well as other risks, and  
22 to the extent appropriate and mean-  
23 ingful, comparisons of those risks with  
24 other similar risks regulated by the  
25 Under Secretary resulting from com-

1                   parable activities and exposure path-  
2                   ways.

3                   “(III)   DISTINCTIONS    AMONG  
4                   RISKS.—In formulating comparisons  
5                   under subclause (II), the Under Sec-  
6                   retary should consider relevant dis-  
7                   tinctions among risks, such as the vol-  
8                   untary or involuntary nature of risks  
9                   and the preventability or nonprevent-  
10                  ability of risks.

11                  “(iv)   RISKS   TO   HUMAN   HEALTH.—  
12                  Each site-specific risk assessment shall in-  
13                  clude a statement of any significant substi-  
14                  tution risks to human health, if informa-  
15                  tion on such risks has been provided to the  
16                  Under Secretary.

17                  “(v)   RISK   ASSESSMENTS   BY   COM-  
18                  MENTERS.—

19                  “(I)   IN   GENERAL.—If a com-  
20                  menter provides the Under Secretary  
21                  with a relevant risk assessment and a  
22                  summary of the risk assessment in a  
23                  timely fashion and the risk assess-  
24                  ment is consistent with the principles  
25                  and the guidance provided under this

1 section, the Under Secretary shall, to  
2 the extent feasible, present the sum-  
3 mary in connection with the presen-  
4 tation of the site-specific risk assess-  
5 ment.

6 “(II) RULE OF CONSTRU-  
7 TION.—Nothing in subclause (I) shall  
8 be construed to limit the inclusion of  
9 any comments or material supplied by  
10 any person to the administrative  
11 record of any proceeding.

12 “(D) INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.—A  
13 site-specific risk assessment may satisfy the re-  
14 quirements of subparagraph (C) (iii), (iv), or  
15 (v) by reference to information or material oth-  
16 erwise available to the public if the document  
17 provides a brief summary of the information or  
18 material.

19 **“SEC. 414. ANALYSIS OF RISK REDUCTION BENEFITS AND**  
20 **COSTS.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary shall pre-  
22 pare an analysis of risk reduction benefits and costs in  
23 accordance with this section before the selection of a reme-  
24 dial action at a defense nuclear facility.

1       “(b) CONTENTS OF ANALYSIS.—An analysis of risk  
2 reduction benefits and costs for a remedial action shall  
3 contain—

4           “(1) an identification of reasonable alternative  
5 strategies, including strategies that are proposed  
6 during a public comment period;

7           “(2) an analysis of the incremental costs and  
8 incremental risk reduction or other benefits associ-  
9 ated with each alternative remedial action identified  
10 or considered, which costs and benefits shall be  
11 quantified to the extent feasible and appropriate and  
12 may otherwise be qualitatively described;

13           “(3) a statement that places in context the na-  
14 ture and magnitude of the risks to be addressed and  
15 the residual risks likely to remain for each alter-  
16 native strategy identified or considered by the Under  
17 Secretary, which statement shall, to the extent fea-  
18 sible, provide comparisons with estimates of greater,  
19 lesser, and substantially equivalent risks that are fa-  
20 miliar to and routinely encountered by the general  
21 public as well as other risks and, to the extent ap-  
22 propriate and meaningful, comparisons of those risks  
23 with other similar risks regulated by the Federal  
24 Government resulting from comparable activities and  
25 exposure pathways, and which comparisons should

1 reflect consideration of relevant distinctions among  
2 risks, such as the voluntary or involuntary nature of  
3 risks and the preventability or nonpreventability of  
4 risks; and

5 “(4) an analysis of whether the identified bene-  
6 fits of the remedial action are likely to exceed the  
7 identified costs of the remedial action.”.

8 **SEC. 602. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

9 Section 120(a)(3) of the Comprehensive Environ-  
10 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
11 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(a)(3)) is amended by inserting  
12 after the second sentence the following: “This subsection  
13 shall not apply to the extent otherwise provided in title  
14 IV with respect to selection of remedial actions at defense  
15 nuclear facilities.”.

16 **SEC. 603. RENEGOTIATION OF COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS.**

17 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “defense  
18 nuclear facility” has the meaning stated in section 402  
19 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Com-  
20 pensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by sec-  
21 tion 601.

22 (b) REQUIREMENT.—For each defense nuclear facil-  
23 ity with respect to which a compliance agreement has been  
24 entered into by the Secretary, the Administrator of the  
25 Environmental Protection Agency, and a State as of the

1 date of enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of De-  
 2 fense for Defense Nuclear Programs shall enter into nego-  
 3 tiations with the Environmental Protection Agency and  
 4 the State concerned to renegotiate the terms of the compli-  
 5 ance agreement to reflect title IV of the Comprehensive  
 6 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act  
 7 of 1980, as added by section 601.

8 (c) DEADLINE.—The Under Secretary of Defense for  
 9 Defense Nuclear Programs shall complete renegotiation of  
 10 compliance agreements as required by subsection (a) not  
 11 later than the date that is 1 year after date of enactment  
 12 of this Act.

13 **TITLE VII—CIVILIAN RADIO-**  
 14 **ACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

15 **SEC. 701. TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY**  
 16 **OF THE ARMY.**

17 (a) TRANSFER.—Effective at the expiration of the 3d  
 18 calendar month beginning after the date of enactment of  
 19 this Act, section 304 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of  
 20 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10224) is amended to read as follows:

21 “ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

22 “SEC. 304. (a) TRANSFER.—The Office of Civilian  
 23 Radioactive Waste Management (referred to in this sec-  
 24 tion as the ‘office’) is terminated and the authority and  
 25 assets of the office with respect to its activities under title  
 26 I respecting a repository for radioactive waste and spent

1 nuclear fuel is transferred to the Army Corps of Engineers  
2 (referred to in this section as the ‘Corps’). In connection  
3 with the transfer, the Corps shall assume all contracts and  
4 other obligations of the office with respect to the Yucca  
5 Mountain site and the permits from the State of Nevada  
6 for the site shall be reissued for the Corps.

7 “(b) YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE.—The Corps shall re-  
8 view the characterization plan of, and the work under-  
9 taken by, the office for the Yucca Mountain site. Effective  
10 6 months after the transfer under subsection (a), the  
11 Corps shall prepare its own site characterization plan in  
12 accordance with section 113. The plan shall be submitted  
13 to the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board for its re-  
14 view and comments. If the Yucca Mountain site is found  
15 to be suitable, the Corps shall be responsible for managing  
16 the design and construction of the site. Once completed,  
17 the site shall be operated by the Corps in accordance with  
18 this Act. The Corps shall provide benefits to the State of  
19 Nevada in accordance with subtitle F of title I.

20 “(c) OTHER SITE.—If the Yucca Mountain site is  
21 found to be unsuitable, the Corps shall undertake a site  
22 characterization plan for another site.”.

23 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

24 (1) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-  
25 tents in section 1 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act

1 of 1982 (42 U.S.C. prec. 10101) is amended by  
2 striking the item relating to section 304 and insert-  
3 ing the following:

“Sec. 304. Army Corps of Engineers.”.

4 (2) REFERENCES TO THE SECRETARY OF EN-  
5 ERGY.—

6 (A) DEFINITION.—Section 2(20) of the  
7 Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.  
8 10101(20)) is amended by striking “Secretary  
9 of Energy” and inserting “Secretary of the  
10 Army”.

11 (B) SECTION 111.—Section 111(a)(5) of the  
12 Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.  
13 10131(a)(5)) is amended by striking “Secretary  
14 of Energy” and inserting “Secretary”.

15 (3) REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EN-  
16 ERGY.—

17 (A) DEFINITION.—Section 2(8) of the Nu-  
18 clear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.  
19 10101(8)) is amended by striking “Department  
20 of Energy” and inserting “Department of the  
21 Army”.

22 (B) NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW  
23 BOARD.—Section 502(b)(3)(C)(iii) of the Nu-  
24 clear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.

1           10262(b)(3)(C)(iii)) is amended to read as fol-  
2           lows:

3           “(iii) No person shall be nominated for appointment  
4 to the Board who is an employee of—

5           “(I) the Department of Defense;

6           “(II) a national laboratory under contract with  
7 the Department of Defense; or

8           “(III) an entity performing high-level radio-  
9 active waste or spent nuclear fuel activities under  
10 contract with the Department of Defense.”.

11           (C) OTHER PROVISIONS.—The Nuclear  
12 Waste Policy Act of 1982 is amended in each  
13 of the following provisions by striking “Depart-  
14 ment of Energy” and inserting “Department”:

15           (i) Section 136(f)(2).

16           (ii) Section 224(b).

17           (iii) Section 302(e)(2).

18           (4) REFERENCE TO THE OFFICE OF CIVILIAN  
19 WASTE MANAGEMENT.—Section 2 of the Nuclear  
20 Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101) is  
21 amended by striking paragraph (17).

22 **SEC. 702. REAFFIRMATION OF OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT RA-**  
23 **DIOACTIVE WASTE AND SPENT NUCLEAR**  
24 **FUEL BY 1998.**

25           (a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.—

1 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

2 (A) the generation of electricity by nuclear  
3 reactors results in the production of spent nu-  
4 clear fuel;

5 (B) about 24,000 metric tons of spent nu-  
6 clear fuel have been produced by the Nation's  
7 operating nuclear power plants, and an addi-  
8 tional 50,000 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel  
9 is expected to be produced during the terms of  
10 their current licenses;

11 (C) the vast majority of commercial spent  
12 nuclear fuel is currently stored in individual  
13 water-filled pools at reactor sites throughout  
14 the Nation;

15 (D) the storage pools for the temporary  
16 storage of spent nuclear fuel are nearing capac-  
17 ity at many of the reactor sites;

18 (E) since the beginning of the commercial  
19 nuclear power industry in the 1960's, the Fed-  
20 eral Government has had the responsibility to  
21 provide for the disposal of commercial spent nu-  
22 clear fuel;

23 (F) Congress enacted the Nuclear Waste  
24 Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.)  
25 in order to codify the Federal responsibility and

1 policy to provide for the safe and timely dis-  
2 posal of spent nuclear fuel by establishing a  
3 schedule for the siting, construction, and oper-  
4 ation of deep geologic repositories, assigning the  
5 responsibility for implementation of the pro-  
6 gram to the Department of Energy, and estab-  
7 lishing the Nuclear Waste Fund to cover the  
8 costs of the Federal disposal program to be  
9 paid by utility ratepayers and owners;

10 (G) since the enactment of the Nuclear  
11 Waste Policy Act of 1982, utility ratepayers  
12 and owners have paid more than  
13 \$10,000,000,000 into the Nuclear Waste Fund;

14 (H) under the schedule established in the  
15 Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, the Depart-  
16 ment of Energy, in return for the payment of  
17 the fees by utility ratepayers and owners, is di-  
18 rected to dispose of spent nuclear fuel begin-  
19 ning not later than January 31, 1998;

20 (I) despite the 14 years that have passed  
21 since the enactment of the Nuclear Waste Pol-  
22 icy Act of 1982 and the expenditure of over  
23 \$4,000,000,000, the Department of Energy has  
24 fallen behind schedule, and the projected date

1 for commencement of operation of a repository,  
2 under optimistic assumptions, is 2010;

3 (J) the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982  
4 currently prohibits the selection of a site for a  
5 monitored retrievable storage facility until a  
6 site for a permanent repository has been se-  
7 lected;

8 (K) the Federal Government, under the  
9 Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, has an abso-  
10 lute obligation to accept spent nuclear fuel be-  
11 ginning not later than January 31, 1998; and

12 (L) the General Accounting Office and  
13 other technical experts have indicated that  
14 greater privatization would enhance cost effi-  
15 ciencies.

16 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section  
17 are—

18 (A) to ensure that the Secretary of the  
19 Army fulfills what was formerly the responsibil-  
20 ity of the Secretary of Energy to site, construct,  
21 and operate temporary and permanent nuclear  
22 waste disposal facilities in a safe and timely  
23 manner; and

24 (B) to reaffirm the obligation of the Fed-  
25 eral Government under the Nuclear Waste Pol-

1           icy Act of 1982 to provide for the safe disposal  
2           of spent nuclear fuel beginning not later than  
3           January 31, 1998.

4           (b) REAFFIRMATION OF OBLIGATION OF SECRETARY  
5 OF ENERGY.—Section 302(a) of the Nuclear Waste Policy  
6 Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10222(a)) is amended by adding  
7 at the end the following:

8           “(7) The obligation of the Secretary under paragraph  
9 (5) to accept high-level radioactive waste and spent nu-  
10 clear fuel beginning not later than January 31, 1998, is  
11 absolute and is not dependent on the commencement of  
12 operation of a repository or a monitored retrievable stor-  
13 age facility. That obligation shall not be voided or delayed  
14 for any reason.”.

15           (c) SITING OF MONITORED RETRIEVABLE STORAGE  
16 FACILITY.—

17           (1) REPEAL OF SITE SELECTION LIMITATION.—  
18           Section 145 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of  
19           1982 (42 U.S.C. 10165) is amended by striking sub-  
20           section (b).

21           (2) REPEAL OF LICENSING CONDITIONS.—Sec-  
22           tion 148 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982  
23           (42 U.S.C. 10168) is amended by striking sub-  
24           section (d).

1 **SEC. 703. INITIAL STORAGE FACILITY.**

2 (a) LICENSE.—The facility for the initial storage of  
3 not more than 40,000 metric tons of uranium at Area 25  
4 of the Nevada Test Site shall be licensed by the Nuclear  
5 Regulatory Commission for an unspecified period, in ac-  
6 cordance with the Commission’s regulations governing the  
7 licensing of independent spent fuel storage installations,  
8 without regard to section 148 (a) or (d) of the Nuclear  
9 Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10168 (a), (d)).

10 (b) EXPANSION.—

11 (1) OPERATION CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT  
12 LAW.—The initial storage facility shall be expand-  
13 able for the subsequent transportation and interim  
14 storage of up to 100,000 metric tons of uranium  
15 and shall be operational in the 1998 timeframe, con-  
16 sistent with sections 135(a) (4), 137(a), 141(a), and  
17 148 (a), (b), and (c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy  
18 Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10155 (4), 10157(a),  
19 10161(a), 10168 (a), (b), (c)).

20 (2) REPEALS.—Sections 131 (a)(3) and (b)(2),  
21 135(a) (1) and (2), 135 (d) and (e), 141(g), 145,  
22 146, and 148(d) (1), (3), and (4) of the Nuclear  
23 Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10151 (a)(3),  
24 (b)(2), 10155 (a)(1), (2), (d), 10161(g), 10165,  
25 10168(d) (1), (3), (4)) are repealed.

1           (c) REVIEW OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of the  
2 Army shall review the activities of the initial storage facil-  
3 ity program, including all cooperative agreements, inter-  
4 national commitments, and university assistance, and  
5 shall make available to those entities amounts, that are  
6 commensurate with the revised program for nuclear waste  
7 disposal activities.

8           (d) PROGRAM PLAN AND SCHEDULE.—The Secretary  
9 of the Army shall submit to the Congress within 90 days  
10 a revised program plan and schedule, including a new 5-  
11 year budget, that addresses the construction and operation  
12 of the interim storage capability, the revised site charac-  
13 terization program at the Yucca Mountain site, and the  
14 results of the Secretary’s review of the program’s institu-  
15 tional activities.

16           (e) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the  
17 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
18 of the United States shall conduct a study and submit to  
19 Congress a report on the extent to which the management  
20 of civilian radioactive waste by the private sector might  
21 result in cost efficiencies and the means by which the re-  
22 sponsibility for performing management of civilian radio-  
23 active waste may be transferred to the private sector.

1       **TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS**  
2                               **PROVISIONS**

3       **SEC. 801. REFERENCES.**

4           Any reference in any other Federal law, Executive  
5 order, rule, regulation, or delegation of authority, or any  
6 document of or pertaining to an office from which a func-  
7 tion is transferred by this Act—

8                   (1) to the Secretary of Energy or an officer of  
9           the Department of Energy, is deemed to refer to the  
10          head of the department or office to which such func-  
11          tion is transferred; or

12                   (2) to the Department of Energy is deemed to  
13          refer to the department or office to which such func-  
14          tion is transferred.

15       **SEC. 802. EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES.**

16          Except as otherwise provided by law, a Federal offi-  
17          cial to whom a function is transferred by this Act may,  
18          for purposes of performing the function, exercise all au-  
19          thorities under any other provision of law that were avail-  
20          able with respect to the performance of that function to  
21          the official responsible for the performance of the function  
22          immediately before the effective date of the transfer of the  
23          function under this Act.

1 **SEC. 803. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.**

2 (a) **LEGAL DOCUMENTS.**—All orders, determinations,  
3 rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agree-  
4 ments, certificates, licenses, and privileges—

5 (1) that have been issued, made, granted, or al-  
6 lowed to become effective by the President, the Sec-  
7 retary of Energy, any officer or employee of any of-  
8 fice transferred by this Act, or any other Govern-  
9 ment official, or by a court of competent jurisdic-  
10 tion, in the performance of any function that is  
11 transferred by this Act; and

12 (2) that are in effect on the effective date of  
13 such transfer (or become effective after such date  
14 pursuant to their terms as in effect on such effective  
15 date);

16 shall continue in effect according to their terms until  
17 modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked in  
18 accordance with law by the President, any other author-  
19 ized official, a court of competent jurisdiction, or operation  
20 of law.

21 (b) **PROCEEDINGS.**—

22 (1) **NO EFFECT.**—This Act shall not affect any  
23 proceedings or any application for any benefits, serv-  
24 ice, license, permit, certificate, or financial assist-  
25 ance pending on the date of enactment of this Act

1 before an office transferred by this Act, but such  
2 proceedings and applications shall be continued.

3 (2) ORDERS, APPEALS, AND PAYMENTS.—Or-  
4 ders shall be issued in such proceedings, appeals  
5 shall be taken therefrom, and payments shall be  
6 made under such orders, as if this Act had not been  
7 enacted, and orders issued in any such proceeding  
8 shall continue in effect until modified, terminated,  
9 superseded, or revoked by a duly authorized official,  
10 by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation  
11 of law.

12 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this  
13 subsection shall be construed to prohibit the dis-  
14 continuance or modification of any such proceeding  
15 under the same terms and conditions and to the  
16 same extent that such proceeding could have been  
17 discontinued or modified if this Act had not been en-  
18 acted.

19 (c) SUITS.—This Act shall not affect suits com-  
20 menced before the date of enactment of this Act, and in  
21 all such suits, proceeding shall be had, appeals taken, and  
22 judgments rendered in the same manner and with the  
23 same effect as if this Act had not been enacted.

24 (d) NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.—No suit, action,  
25 or other proceeding commenced by or against the Depart-

1 ment of Energy or the Secretary of Energy, or by or  
2 against any individual in the official capacity of such indi-  
3 vidual as an officer or employee of an office transferred  
4 by this Act, shall abate by reason of the enactment of this  
5 Act.

6 (e) CONTINUANCE OF SUITS.—If any officer of the  
7 Department of Energy or the Energy Programs Resolu-  
8 tion Agency in the official capacity of such officer is party  
9 to a suit with respect to a function of the officer, and  
10 under this Act such function is transferred to any other  
11 officer or office, then such suit shall be continued with  
12 the other officer or the head of such other office, as appli-  
13 cable, substituted or added as a party.

14 **SEC. 804. TRANSFER OF ASSETS.**

15 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, so much  
16 of the personnel, property, records, and unexpended bal-  
17 ances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds em-  
18 ployed, used, held, available, or to be made available in  
19 connection with a function transferred to an official by  
20 this Act shall be available to the official at such time or  
21 times as the Director of the Office of Management and  
22 Budget directs for use in connection with the functions  
23 transferred.

1 **SEC. 805. DELEGATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise expressly  
3 prohibited by law or otherwise provided in this Act, an  
4 official to whom functions are transferred under this Act  
5 (including the head of any office to which functions are  
6 transferred under this Act) may delegate any of the func-  
7 tions so transferred to such officers and employees of the  
8 office of the official as the official may designate, and may  
9 authorize successive redelegations of such functions as  
10 may be necessary or appropriate.

11 (b) NO RELIEF FROM RESPONSIBILITY.—No delega-  
12 tion of functions under this section or under any other  
13 provision of this Act shall relieve the official to whom a  
14 function is transferred under this Act of responsibility for  
15 the administration of the function.

16 **SEC. 806. AUTHORITY OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND**  
17 **BUDGET WITH RESPECT TO FUNCTIONS**  
18 **TRANSFERRED.**

19 (a) DETERMINATIONS.—If necessary, the Office of  
20 Management and Budget shall make any determination of  
21 the functions that are transferred under this Act.

22 (b) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of  
24 Management and Budget, at such time or times as  
25 the Director shall provide, may make such deter-  
26 minations as may be necessary with regard to the

1 functions transferred by this Act, and to make such  
2 additional incidental dispositions of personnel, as-  
3 sets, liabilities, grants, contracts, property, records,  
4 and unexpended balances of appropriations, author-  
5 izations, allocations, and other funds held, used,  
6 arising from, available to, or to be made available in  
7 connection with such functions, as may be necessary  
8 to carry out the provisions of this Act.

9 (2) **TERMINATION OF AFFAIRS.**—The Director  
10 of the Office of Management and Budget shall pro-  
11 vide for the termination of the affairs of all entities  
12 terminated by this Act and for such further meas-  
13 ures and dispositions as may be necessary to effec-  
14 tuate the purposes of this Act.

15 **SEC. 807. PROPOSED CHANGES IN LAW.**

16 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment  
17 of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and  
18 Budget shall submit to the Congress a description of any  
19 changes in Federal law necessary to reflect abolishment,  
20 transfers, terminations, and disposals under this Act.

21 **SEC. 808. CERTAIN VESTING OF FUNCTIONS CONSIDERED**  
22 **TRANSFER.**

23 For purposes of this title, the vesting of a function  
24 in a department or office pursuant to reestablishment of

1 an office shall be considered to be the transfer of the func-  
2 tion.

○