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# H. R. 3984

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. HANFORD TANK CLEANUP PROGRAM RE-**  
4 **FORMS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF RIVER PROTEC-  
6 TION.—The Secretary of Energy shall establish an office  
7 at the Hanford Reservation, Richland, Washington, to be  
8 known as the “Office of River Protection”.

1 (b) MANAGEMENT.—The Office shall be headed by  
2 a senior official of the Department of Energy, who shall  
3 be responsible for managing all aspects of the Tank Waste  
4 Remediation System (also referred to as the Hanford  
5 Tank Farm operations), including those portions under  
6 privatization contracts, of the Department of Energy at  
7 the Hanford Reservation. The Office shall be responsible  
8 for developing the integrated management plan under sub-  
9 section (d).

10 (c) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESPONSIBILITIES.—  
11 The Secretary of Energy shall—

12 (1) provide the manager of the Office of River  
13 Protection with the resources and personnel nec-  
14 essary to manage the tank waste privatization pro-  
15 gram in an efficient and streamlined manner; and

16 (2) establish a five-member advisory committee,  
17 including the manager of the Richland operations of-  
18 fice and a representative of the Office of Privatiza-  
19 tion and Contract Reform, to advise the Office.

20 (d) INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN.—Not later  
21 than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
22 the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the Committee  
23 on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on  
24 National Security of the House of Representatives an inte-  
25 grated management plan for all aspects of the Hanford

1 Tank Farm operations, including the roles, responsibil-  
2 ities, and reporting relationships of the Office of River  
3 Protection. In developing the plan, the Secretary shall con-  
4 sider the extent to which the Office should be physically  
5 and administratively separate from the Richland oper-  
6 ations office.

7 (e) REPORT.—After the Office of River Protection  
8 has been in operation for two years, the Secretary of En-  
9 ergy shall submit to Congress a report on the success of  
10 the Tank Waste Remediation System and the Office in  
11 improving the management structure of the Department  
12 of Energy.

13 (f) TERMINATION.—The Office of River Protection  
14 shall terminate after it has been in operation for five  
15 years, unless the Secretary of Energy determines that  
16 such termination would disrupt effective management of  
17 Hanford Tank Farm operations. The Secretary shall in-  
18 form the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and  
19 the Committee on National Security of the House of Rep-  
20 resentatives of this determination in writing.

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