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H. R. 6121

To provide for health care benefits for certain nuclear facility workers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TURNER (for himself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. PERLMUTTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN NU-**

4 **CLEAR FACILITY WORKERS.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ACCELERATED CLOSURE.—The term “accel-

7 erated closure” means closure of a site on an accel-

8 erated schedule, as compared with the schedule of

9 the Department for closure of the site specified in

1 plans of the Department that were in effect on Jan-
2 uary 1, 2000.

3 (2) DEPARTMENT.—The term “Department”
4 means the Department of Energy.

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

7 (b) PROGRAM.—The Secretary, after consultation
8 with collective bargaining representatives of eligible work-
9 ers described in subsection (c), shall establish a program
10 to provide health care benefits for the eligible workers.

11 (c) ELIGIBLE WORKERS.—An individual shall be eli-
12 gible for benefits under the program established under
13 subsection (b) only if the individual—

14 (1) has been employed by a prime contractor of
15 the Department (including a subcontractor of the
16 contractor) to perform duties, under a contract be-
17 tween the prime contractor and the Department for
18 environmental remediation, waste management, de-
19 contamination and decommissioning, maintenance,
20 security, and administrative activities, at the
21 Fernald Closure Project (Harrison, Ohio), the
22 Mound Closure Project (Miamisburg, Ohio), or the
23 Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (Gold-
24 en, Colorado); and

1 (2) would have qualified for health care benefits
2 available for retirees under the health and welfare
3 benefit plans sponsored by a prime contractor or
4 subcontractor described in paragraph (1) if the em-
5 ployment of the individual had not been terminated
6 as a result of the accelerated closure of the site at
7 which the individual was employed.

8 (d) LEVEL OF BENEFITS.—To the extent provided
9 in advance in appropriations Acts or otherwise available,
10 medical benefits shall be provided under the program es-
11 tablished under subsection (b) at the same level as benefits
12 are provided under the health and welfare benefit plans
13 sponsored by the prime contractors described in subsection
14 (c)(1) to employees who retired on January 1, 2005.

15 (e) IMPLEMENTATION.—Not later than 30 days after
16 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall take
17 all necessary actions to implement the program under this
18 section through the contractors, subcontractors, or the
19 benefit plan administrators of the Department at the sites
20 described in subsection (c)(1).

21 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
22 are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary such
23 sums as are necessary to carry out this section.

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