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To prohibit site characterization of the Yucca Mountain site in the State of Nevada during fiscal years 1996 through 1998, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. VUCANOVICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear Waste Policy
5 Reassessment Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY REASSESSMENT.**

7 (a) PROHIBITION ON SPENDING FOR SITE CHARAC-
8 TERIZATION.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Nu-
9 clear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.)
10 or of any other law, no amount may be expended from

1 the Nuclear Waste Fund during fiscal years 1994 through
2 1998, or otherwise appropriated for such fiscal years, for
3 site characterization of the Yucca Mountain site in the
4 State of Nevada.

5 (b) STUDY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The National Academy of
7 Sciences shall conduct a study to examine and rec-
8 ommend a scientific means for determining a suit-
9 able location for a repository for the permanent deep
10 geologic disposal of high-level radioactive waste and
11 spent nuclear fuel, including whether examination of
12 a single potential site or simultaneous examination
13 of multiple potential sites is the most scientifically
14 valid approach.

15 (2) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study
16 under this subsection, the National Academy of
17 Sciences shall consult with the Secretary of Energy,
18 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Adminis-
19 trator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the
20 Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, and other
21 interested persons.

22 (3) REPORT.—The National Academy of
23 Sciences shall, not later than September 30, 1998,
24 submit to the Congress a report setting forth its

1 findings and recommendations as a result of the
2 study conducted under this subsection.

3 (c) ADJUSTMENT OF SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN AC-
4 TIVITIES.—

5 (1) COMMENCEMENT OF FEDERAL RESPON-
6 SIBILITY FOR DISPOSAL.—After the date of the en-
7 actment of this Act, section 302(a)(5)(B) of the Nu-
8 clear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.
9 10222(a)(5)(B)) shall be applied by substituting
10 “January 31, 2003” for “January 31, 1998”.

11 (2) REPORT ON SECOND REPOSITORY.—After
12 the date of the enactment of this Act, section 161(b)
13 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.
14 10172a(b)) shall be applied by substituting “Janu-
15 ary 1, 2015” for “January 1, 2010”.

16 (d) OFFSET OF NUCLEAR WASTE FUND FEES TO
17 ASSIST ONSITE STORAGE CAPACITY.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy
19 shall, by rule, establish procedures and formulas for
20 providing rebates of, or credits against, fee pay-
21 ments under section 302(a)(2) of the Nuclear Waste
22 Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10222(a)(2)), to off-
23 set the expenses reasonably incurred by any person
24 paying such fees for the construction and operation
25 of any additional spent nuclear fuel storage capacity

1 at the site of a civilian nuclear power reactor re-
2 quired due to (or in anticipation of) the postpone-
3 ment of Federal responsibility provided by sub-
4 section (c)(1) of this section.

5 (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1994.—
6 For fiscal year 1994, such rebates and credits may
7 be provided only to offset expenses described in
8 paragraph (1) with respect to facilities for additional
9 storage capacity that are completed before the end
10 of such fiscal year (including before the date of the
11 enactment of this Act).

12 (3) TERMINATION.—No rebate or credit may be
13 provided to any person under this subsection after
14 the date on which the Secretary of Energy com-
15 mences acceptance of the spent nuclear fuel of such
16 person at a storage or disposal facility authorized by
17 the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.
18 10101 et seq.).

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