

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1577

To abolish the Department of Energy.

---

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 1997

Mr. TIAHRT (for himself, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. DELAY, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. KASICH, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. NEUMANN, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. HERGER, Mr. KLUG, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. RYUN, Mr. GOSS, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. SNOWBARGER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PAUL, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. HILL, Mr. POMBO, Mr. PARKER, Mr. PETRI, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. MORAN of Kansas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on National Security, Science, Resources, Rules, and Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

---

## A BILL

To abolish the Department of Energy.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Department of Energy  
3 Abolishment Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

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

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

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. GAO report.
- Sec. 108. Conforming amendments.
- Sec. 109. Effective date.

TITLE II—ENERGY LABORATORY FACILITIES

- Sec. 201. Energy Laboratory Facilities Commission.
- Sec. 202. Procedure for making recommendations for laboratory facilities.
- Sec. 203. Reconfiguration, privatization, and closure of energy laboratories.
- Sec. 204. Implementation of reconfiguration, privatization, and closure actions.
- Sec. 205. Account.
- Sec. 206. Reports on implementation.
- Sec. 207. Congressional consideration of Commission report.
- Sec. 208. Definitions.

TITLE III—PRIVATIZATION OF FEDERAL POWER MARKETING ADMINISTRATIONS

- Sec. 301. Short title.
- Sec. 302. Findings.
- Sec. 303. Sale of assets.
- Sec. 304. Time of sales.
- Sec. 305. Rate stabilization for affected customers.
- Sec. 306. Licensing of projects to preserve current operating conditions.
- Sec. 307. Enabling Federal studies.
- Sec. 308. Bonneville Power Administration.
- Sec. 309. Definitions.

TITLE IV—TRANSFER AND DISPOSAL OF RESERVES

- Sec. 401. Strategic Petroleum Reserve.
- Sec. 402. Disposal of remaining naval petroleum reserves.

TITLE V—NATIONAL SECURITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Subtitle A—Defense Nuclear Programs Agency

- Sec. 501. Definitions.
- Sec. 502. Establishment and organization of Defense Nuclear Programs Agency.
- Sec. 503. Functions of Defense Nuclear Programs Agency.
- Sec. 504. Transfers of functions.
- Sec. 505. Limitation on transfers of funds.
- Sec. 506. Transition provisions.
- Sec. 507. Technical and conforming amendments.
- Sec. 508. Effective date and transition period.

Subtitle B—Environmental Restoration Activities at Defense Nuclear Facilities

- Sec. 521. Environmental restoration activities at Defense nuclear facilities.
- Sec. 522. Conforming amendment.
- Sec. 523. Renegotiation of compliance agreements.

TITLE VI—DISPOSITION OF MISCELLANEOUS PARTICULAR PROGRAMS, FUNCTIONS, AND AGENCIES OF DEPARTMENT

- Sec. 601. Energy research and development.
- Sec. 602. Energy Information Administration.
- Sec. 603. Energy Regulatory Administration.
- Sec. 604. Effective date.

TITLE VII—CIVILIAN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Sec. 701. Nuclear waste repository.
- 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 and assignment.
- 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.
- Sec. 809. Definitions.

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

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

5           (a) REESTABLISHMENT.—The Department of En-  
6   ergy is hereby redesignated as the Energy Programs Reso-  
7   lution Agency, which shall be an independent agency in  
8   the executive 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 the enactment of this Act, ap-  
23   point an individual to serve as Administrator of the  
24   Energy Programs Resolution Agency (who may be  
25   the Secretary of Energy), as such position is estab-

1 lished under paragraph (1). An appointment under  
2 this paragraph may not be construed to affect the  
3 position of Secretary of Energy or the authority of  
4 the Secretary before the effective date specified in  
5 section 109(a).

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 pursuant to section 102 and the other provisions of  
11 this 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 Department of Energy.

19 **SEC. 102. FUNCTIONS.**

20 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, the Admin-  
21 istrator shall perform all functions that, immediately be-  
22 fore the effective date of this section, were functions of  
23 the Department of Energy (or any office of the Depart-  
24 ment) or were performed by the Secretary of Energy or

1 any other officer or employee of the Department in the  
2 capacity as such officer 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) shall perform such functions as may be del-  
9 egated by the Administrator.

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

12 (a) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE OF SECRETARY.—  
13 The individual serving on the effective date specified in  
14 section 109(a) as the Secretary of Energy may serve and  
15 act as Administrator until the date an individual is ap-  
16 pointed under this title to the position of Administrator,  
17 or until the end of the 120-day period provided for in sec-  
18 tion 3348 of title 5, United States Code (relating to limita-  
19 tions on the period of time a vacancy may be filled tempo-  
20 rarily), whichever is earlier.

21 (b) CONTINUATION OF SERVICE OF OTHER OFFI-  
22 CERS.—An individual serving on the effective date speci-  
23 fied in section 109(a) as an officer of the Department of  
24 Energy other than the Secretary of Energy may continue  
25 to serve and act in an equivalent capacity in the Agency

1 until the date an individual is appointed under this title  
2 to the position of Administrator, or until the end of the  
3 120-day period provided for in section 3348 of title 5,  
4 United States Code (relating to limitations on the period  
5 of time a vacancy may be filled temporarily) with respect  
6 to that appointment, whichever is earlier.

7 (c) COMPENSATION FOR CONTINUED SERVICE.—Any  
8 person—

9 (1) who acts as the Administrator under sub-  
10 section (a), or

11 (2) who serves under subsection (b),

12 after the effective date specified in section 109(a) and be-  
13 fore the first appointment of a person as Administrator  
14 shall continue to be compensated for so serving at the rate  
15 at which such person was compensated before such effec-  
16 tive date.

17 **SEC. 105. REORGANIZATION.**

18 The Administrator may allocate or reallocate any  
19 function of the Agency pursuant to this Act among the  
20 officers of the Agency, and may establish, consolidate,  
21 alter, or discontinue in the Energy Programs Resolution  
22 Agency any organizational entities that were entities of  
23 the Department of Energy, as the Administrator considers  
24 necessary or appropriate.

1 **SEC. 106. ABOLISHMENT OF ENERGY PROGRAMS RESOLU-**  
2 **TION AGENCY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective on the termination date  
4 under subsection (d), the Energy Programs Resolution  
5 Agency is abolished.

6 (b) ABOLITION OF FUNCTIONS.—Except for func-  
7 tions transferred or otherwise continued by this Act, all  
8 functions that, immediately before the termination date,  
9 were functions of the Energy Programs Resolution Agency  
10 are abolished effective on the termination date.

11 (c) PLAN FOR WINDING UP AFFAIRS.—Not later  
12 than the effective date specified in section 109(a), the  
13 President shall submit to the Congress a plan for winding  
14 up the affairs of the Agency in accordance with this Act  
15 and not by later than the termination date under sub-  
16 section (d).

17 (d) TERMINATION DATE.—The termination date  
18 under this subsection is the date that is 3 years after the  
19 date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 107. GAO REPORT.**

21 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment  
22 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
23 shall submit to the Congress a report which shall include  
24 recommendations for the most efficient means of achiev-  
25 ing, in accordance with this Act—

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

3 (2) the termination or transfer or other con-  
4 tinuation of the functions of the Department of En-  
5 ergy.

6 **SEC. 108. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

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

10 (b) **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**—Section 101 of title  
11 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the follow-  
12 ing item:

13 “The Department of Energy.”.

14 (c) **SECRETARY’S COMPENSATION.**—Section 5312 of  
15 title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
16 following item:

17 “Secretary of Energy.”.

18 (d) **DEPUTY SECRETARY’S COMPENSATION.**—Section  
19 5313 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
20 ing the following item:

21 “Deputy Secretary of Energy.”.

22 (e) **UNDER SECRETARY’S COMPENSATION.**—Section  
23 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by strik-  
24 ing the following item:

25 “Under Secretary, Department of Energy.”.

1 (f) MISCELLANEOUS OFFICERS' COMPENSATION.—

2 Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

3 (1) by striking the following items:

4 “Assistant Secretaries of Energy (8).

5 “General Counsel of the Department of Energy.

6 “Administrator, Economic Regulatory Adminis-  
7 tration, Department of Energy.

8 “Administrator, Energy Information Adminis-  
9 tration, Department of Energy.

10 “Inspector General, Department of Energy.

11 “Director, Office of Energy Research, Depart-  
12 ment of Energy.”; and

13 (2) by striking the following item:

14 “Chief Financial Officer, Department of En-  
15 ergy.”.

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

19 (1) in section 9(a)(1), by striking subparagraph  
20 (E);

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

22 (3) in section 11(2), by striking “Energy,”;

23 (h) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY ORGANIZATION  
24 ACT.—Effective on the termination date, the following

1 provisions of the Department of Energy Organization Act  
2 (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) are repealed:

3 (1) Sections 1 and 2.

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

5 **SEC. 109. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
7 (b), this title shall take effect on the date that is 6 months  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

9 (b) PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF ENACT-  
10 MENT.—The following provisions of this title shall take ef-  
11 fect on the date of the enactment of this Act:

12 (1) Section 101(b).

13 (2) Section 106(c).

14 (3) Section 107.

15 **TITLE II—ENERGY LABORATORY**  
16 **FACILITIES**

17 **SEC. 201. ENERGY LABORATORY FACILITIES COMMISSION.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an inde-  
19 pendent commission to be known as the “Energy Labora-  
20 tory Facilities Commission”, for the purpose of reducing  
21 the number of energy laboratories and programs at those  
22 laboratories, through reconfiguration, privatization, and  
23 closure, while preserving the traditional role the energy  
24 laboratories have contributed to the national defense.

1 (b) DUTIES.—The Commission shall carry out the  
2 duties specified for the Commission in this title.

3 (c) APPOINTMENT.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall be  
5 composed of 7 members appointed by the President,  
6 by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.  
7 The President shall transmit to the Senate the  
8 nominations for appointment to the Commission not  
9 later than 3 months after the date of the enactment  
10 of this Act.

11 (2) CONSULTATION.—In selecting individuals  
12 for nominations for appointments to the Commis-  
13 sion, the President should 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 (3) CHAIRPERSON.—At the time the President  
20 nominates individuals for appointment to the Com-  
21 mission, the President shall designate one such indi-  
22 vidual who shall serve as Chairperson of the Com-  
23 mission.

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

20           (B) PAY OF CHAIRPERSON.—The Chair-  
21 person shall be paid for each day referred to in  
22 subparagraph (A) at a rate equal to the daily  
23 equivalent of the minimum annual rate of basic  
24 pay payable for level III of the Executive

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

3           (2) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members shall receive  
4           travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsist-  
5           ence, in accordance with sections 5702 and 5703 of  
6           title 5, United States Code.

7           (h) DIRECTOR.—

8           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission shall ap-  
9           point a Director who—

10                   (A) has not served as a civilian employee  
11                   of the Department of Energy during the 4-year  
12                   period preceding the date of such appointment;

13                   (B) has not been an employee of an energy  
14                   laboratory during the 5-year period preceding  
15                   the date of such appointment; and

16                   (C) has not been an employee of a contrac-  
17                   tor operating an energy laboratory during the  
18                   5-year period preceding the date of such ap-  
19                   pointment.

20           (2) PAY.—The Director shall be paid at the  
21           rate of basic pay payable for level IV of the Execu-  
22           tive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, United  
23           States Code.

24           (i) STAFF.—

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

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

17           (3) LIMITATIONS.—Not more than one-third of  
18 the personnel employed by or detailed to the Com-  
19 mission shall be individuals employed by the Depart-  
20 ment of Energy on the day before the date of the  
21 enactment of this Act. No employee of an energy  
22 laboratory, or of a contractor who operates an en-  
23 ergy laboratory, may be detailed to the Commission.

24           (4) SUPPORT FROM OTHER AGENCIES.—Upon  
25 request of the Director, the head of a Federal agen-

1       cy may detail any of the personnel of that agency to  
2       the Commission to assist the Commission in carry-  
3       ing out its duties under this title.

4           (5) SUPPORT FROM COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—

5       The Comptroller General of the United States shall  
6       provide assistance, including the detailing of employ-  
7       ees, to the Commission in accordance with an agree-  
8       ment entered into with the Commission.

9           (j) OTHER AUTHORITY.—

10          (1) TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERV-  
11       ICES.—The Commission may procure by contract, to  
12       the extent funds are available, the temporary or  
13       intermittent services of experts or consultants pursu-  
14       ant to section 3109 of title 5, United States Code.

15          (2) AUTHORITY TO LEASE SPACE AND ACQUIRE  
16       CERTAIN PROPERTY.—The Commission may lease  
17       space and acquire personal property to the extent  
18       funds are available.

19          (k) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-  
20       priated to the Commission such funds as are necessary  
21       to carry out its duties under this title. Such funds shall  
22       remain available until expended.

23          (l) TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate  
24       not later than 30 days after the date on which it transmits  
25       its final recommendations under section 202(f)(4).

1 **SEC. 202. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**  
2 **FOR LABORATORY FACILITIES.**

3 (a) **SELECTION CRITERIA.**—In making recommenda-  
4 tions for the reconfiguration, privatization, and closure of  
5 energy laboratories and termination of programs at such  
6 laboratories under this section, the Secretary or the Ad-  
7 ministrator, as appropriate, and the Commission shall—

8 (1) give strong consideration to the closure or  
9 reconfiguration of energy laboratories;

10 (2) give strong consideration to consolidating  
11 single-purpose laboratories into multipurpose labora-  
12 tories;

13 (3) eliminate duplication of effort by energy  
14 laboratories and reduce overhead costs as a propor-  
15 tion of program benefits distributed through an en-  
16 ergy laboratory;

17 (4) seek to achieve cost savings for the overall  
18 budget for such laboratories;

19 (5) define appropriate missions for each energy  
20 laboratory, and ensure that the activities of each  
21 such laboratory are focused on its mission or mis-  
22 sions;

23 (6) consider the program costs and program  
24 distributions on a State and county basis, including  
25 real and personal property costs associated with  
26 each energy laboratory considered;

1           (7) consider the number of participants in pro-  
2           grams conducted through an energy laboratory and  
3           staff resources involved;

4           (8) estimate the cost savings and increases that  
5           would accrue through the reconfiguration of energy  
6           laboratories;

7           (9) consider the potential of each energy labora-  
8           tory to generate revenues or to offset costs;

9           (10) consider the transfer of energy laboratories  
10          to other Federal agencies;

11          (11) consider the privatization of the energy  
12          laboratories as an alternative to closure or reconfig-  
13          uration; and

14          (12) be subject to the requirements of section  
15          601 of this Act.

16          (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

17           (1) PUBLICATION AND TRANSMITTAL.—Not  
18          later than 3 months after the date of the enactment  
19          of this Act, the Secretary or the Administrator, as  
20          appropriate, shall publish in the Federal Register  
21          and transmit to the congressional energy committees  
22          and to the Commission a list of the energy labora-  
23          tories that the Secretary or the Administrator, as  
24          appropriate, recommends for reconfiguration, privat-  
25          ization, and closure.

1           (2) SUMMARY OF SELECTION PROCESS.—The  
2       Secretary or the Administrator, as appropriate, shall  
3       include, with the list of recommendations published  
4       and transmitted pursuant to paragraph (1), a sum-  
5       mary of the selection process that resulted in the  
6       recommendation for each energy laboratory, includ-  
7       ing a justification for each recommendation.

8           (c) EQUAL CONSIDERATION OF LABORATORIES.—In  
9       considering energy laboratories for reconfiguration, privat-  
10      ization, and closure, the Secretary or the Administrator,  
11      as appropriate, shall consider all such laboratories equally  
12      without regard to whether a laboratory has been pre-  
13      viously considered or proposed for reconfiguration, privat-  
14      ization, or closure by the Secretary of Energy.

15          (d) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary  
16      or the Administrator, as appropriate, shall make available  
17      to the Commission and the Comptroller General of the  
18      United States all information used by the Secretary or the  
19      Administrator, as appropriate, in making recommenda-  
20      tions under this section.

21          (e) INDEPENDENT AUDIT.—(1) Within 30 days after  
22      the date of the enactment of this Act, the Director of the  
23      Office of Management and Budget shall issue a request  
24      for proposals for the performance of an audit under para-  
25      graph (3).

1           (2) Within 60 days after the date of the enactment  
2 of this Act, proposals shall be due in response to the re-  
3 quest under paragraph (1).

4           (3) Within 90 days after the date of the enactment  
5 of this Act, the Director of the Office of Management and  
6 Budget shall enter into a contract with an independent  
7 financial consulting firm for an audit of the energy labora-  
8 tories and their programs, facilities, and assets. Such  
9 audit shall assess the commercial potential of the energy  
10 labs and their programs and make recommendations on  
11 how the Government could best realize such potential. The  
12 audit shall be completed and transmitted to the Commis-  
13 sion, the Secretary or the Administrator, as appropriate,  
14 and the congressional energy committees within 6 months  
15 after the contract is entered into under this subsection.

16           (f) REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE COM-  
17 MISSION.—

18           (1) PUBLIC HEARINGS.—After receiving the  
19 recommendations from the Secretary or the Admin-  
20 istrator, as appropriate, pursuant to subsection (b),  
21 the Commission shall provide an opportunity for  
22 public comment on the recommendations for a 30-  
23 day period.

24           (2) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year  
25 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the

1 Commission shall publish in the Federal Register an  
2 initial report containing the Commission's findings  
3 and conclusions based on a review and analysis of  
4 the recommendations made by the Secretary or the  
5 Administrator, as appropriate, and the audit con-  
6 ducted pursuant to subsection (e), together with the  
7 Commission's recommendations for reconfiguration,  
8 privatization, and closure of energy laboratories. In  
9 conducting such review and analysis, the Commis-  
10 sion shall consider all energy laboratories.

11 (3) DEVIATION FROM RECOMMENDATIONS.—In  
12 making its recommendations, the Commission may  
13 make changes in any of the recommendations made  
14 by the Secretary or the Administrator, as appro-  
15 priate, if the Commission determines that the Sec-  
16 retary or the Administrator, as appropriate, deviated  
17 substantially from the criteria described in sub-  
18 section (a) in making recommendations. The Com-  
19 mission shall explain and justify in the report any  
20 recommendation made by the Commission that is  
21 different from the recommendations made by the  
22 Secretary or the Administrator, as appropriate.

23 (4) FINAL REPORT.—After providing a 30-day  
24 period for public comment following publication of  
25 the initial report under paragraph (2), and after full

1 consideration of such public comments, the Commis-  
2 sion shall, within 15 months after the date of the  
3 enactment of this Act, transmit to the Secretary or  
4 the Administrator, as appropriate, and the congress-  
5 sional energy committees a final report containing  
6 the recommendations of the Commission.

7 (5) PROVISION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.—  
8 After transmitting the final report under paragraph  
9 (4), the Commission shall promptly provide, upon re-  
10 quest, to any Member of Congress information used  
11 by the Commission in making its recommendations.

12 (g) ASSISTANCE FROM COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—  
13 The Comptroller General of the United States shall—

14 (1) assist the Commission, to the extent re-  
15 quested, in the Commission's review and analysis of  
16 the recommendations made by the Secretary or the  
17 Administrator, as appropriate, pursuant to sub-  
18 section (b); and

19 (2) not later than 6 months after the date of  
20 the enactment of this Act, transmit to the congress-  
21 sional energy committees and to the Commission a  
22 report containing a detailed analysis of the rec-  
23 ommendations of the Secretary or the Adminis-  
24 trator, as appropriate, and the selection process.

1 **SEC. 203. RECONFIGURATION, PRIVATIZATION, AND CLO-**  
2 **SURE OF ENERGY LABORATORIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the  
4 Secretary or the Administrator, as appropriate, shall—

5 (1) reconfigure, within 1 year after the date of  
6 the transmittal of the final report under section  
7 202(f)(4), all energy laboratories recommended for  
8 reconfiguration by the Commission in such report;

9 (2) provide for and complete the privatization,  
10 within 18 months after the date of the transmittal  
11 of the final report under section 202(f)(4), of all en-  
12 ergy laboratories recommended for privatization by  
13 the Commission in such report; and

14 (3) except as necessary to achieve the privatiza-  
15 tion of an energy laboratory under paragraph (2),  
16 close, within 1 year after the date of the transmittal  
17 of the final report under section 202(f)(4), all en-  
18 ergy laboratories recommended for closure by the  
19 Commission in such report.

20 (b) CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary or the Admin-  
22 istrator, as appropriate, may not carry out any re-  
23 configuration, privatization, or closure of an energy  
24 laboratory recommended by the Commission in the  
25 report transmitted pursuant to section 202(f)(4) if a  
26 joint resolution is enacted, in accordance with the

1 provisions of section 207, disapproving the rec-  
2 ommendations of the Commission before the earlier  
3 of—

4 (A) the end of the 45-day period beginning  
5 on the date on which the Commission transmits  
6 the report; or

7 (B) the adjournment of Congress sine die  
8 for the session during which the report is trans-  
9 mitted.

10 (2) For purposes of paragraph (1) of this sub-  
11 section and subsections (a) and (c) of section 207,  
12 the days on which either House of Congress is not  
13 in session because of an adjournment of more than  
14 three days to a day certain shall be excluded in the  
15 computation of a period.

16 **SEC. 204. IMPLEMENTATION OF RECONFIGURATION, PRI-**  
17 **VATIZATION, AND CLOSURE ACTIONS.**

18 (a) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—In reconfiguring,  
19 privatizing, or closing an energy laboratory under this  
20 title, the Secretary or the Administrator, as appropriate,  
21 shall—

22 (1) take such actions as may be necessary to re-  
23 configure, privatize, or close the energy laboratory;

1           (2) take such steps as may be necessary to en-  
2           sure the safe keeping of all records stored at the en-  
3           ergy laboratory; and

4           (3) reimburse other Federal agencies for ac-  
5           tions performed at the request of the Secretary or  
6           the Administrator, as appropriate, with respect to  
7           any such reconfiguration, privatization, or closure,  
8           and may use for such purpose funds in the Account  
9           or funds appropriated to the Department of Energy  
10          and available for such purpose.

11          (b) MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY.—

12           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of Gen-  
13          eral Services shall delegate to the Secretary or the  
14          Administrator, as appropriate, with respect to excess  
15          and surplus real property and facilities located at an  
16          energy laboratory reconfigured, privatized, or closed  
17          under this title—

18                   (A) the authority of the Secretary or the  
19                   Administrator, as appropriate, to utilize excess  
20                   property under section 202 of the Federal  
21                   Property and Administrative Services Act of  
22                   1949 (40 U.S.C. 483);

23                   (B) the authority of the Secretary or the  
24                   Administrator, as appropriate, to dispose of

1 surplus property under section 203 of that Act  
2 (40 U.S.C. 484);

3 (C) the authority of the Secretary or the  
4 Administrator, as appropriate, to grant approv-  
5 als and make determinations under section  
6 13(g) of the Surplus Property Act of 1944 (50  
7 U.S.C. App. 1622(g)); and

8 (D) the authority of the Secretary or the  
9 Administrator, as appropriate, to determine the  
10 availability of excess or surplus real property  
11 for wildlife conservation purposes in accordance  
12 with the Act of May 19, 1948 (16 U.S.C.  
13 667b).

14 (2) EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
16 graph (C), the Secretary or the Administrator,  
17 as appropriate, shall exercise the authority dele-  
18 gated to the Secretary or the Administrator, as  
19 appropriate, pursuant to paragraph (1) in ac-  
20 cordance with—

21 (i) all regulations in effect on the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act governing the  
23 utilization of excess property and the dis-  
24 posal of surplus property under the Fed-

1 eral Property and Administrative Services  
2 Act of 1949; and

3 (ii) all regulations in effect on the  
4 date of the enactment of this Act govern-  
5 ing the conveyance and disposal of prop-  
6 erty under section 13(g) of the Surplus  
7 Property Act of 1944 (50 U.S.C. App.  
8 1622(g)).

9 (B) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary or the  
10 Administrator, as appropriate, after consulting  
11 with the Administrator of General Services,  
12 may issue regulations that are necessary to  
13 carry out the delegation of authority required  
14 by paragraph (1).

15 (C) LIMITATION.—The authority required  
16 to be delegated by paragraph (1) to the Sec-  
17 retary or the Administrator, as appropriate, by  
18 the Administrator of General Services shall not  
19 include the authority to prescribe general poli-  
20 cies and methods for utilizing excess property  
21 and disposing of surplus property.

22 (c) WAIVER.—The Secretary or the Administrator, as  
23 appropriate, may reconfigure, privatize, or close energy  
24 laboratories under this title without regard to any provi-  
25 sion of law restricting the use of funds for reconfiguring,

1 privatizing, or closing such energy laboratories included  
2 in any appropriations or authorization Act.

3 **SEC. 205. ACCOUNT.**

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

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

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

13 (2) any funds that the Secretary or the Admin-  
14 istrator, as appropriate, may, subject to approval in  
15 an appropriation Act, transfer to the Account from  
16 funds appropriated to the Department of Energy for  
17 any purpose, except that such funds may be trans-  
18 ferred only after the date on which the Secretary or  
19 the Administrator, as appropriate, transmits written  
20 notice of, and justification for, such transfer to the  
21 congressional energy committees; and

22 (3) proceeds received from the transfer or dis-  
23 posal of any property at an office reconfigured,  
24 privatized, or closed under this section.

1 (c) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary or the Adminis-  
2 trator, as appropriate, may use the funds in the Account  
3 only for the purposes described in section 204(a).

4 (d) REPORTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after  
6 the end of each fiscal year in which the Secretary or  
7 the Administrator, as appropriate, carries out activi-  
8 ties under this title, the Secretary or the Adminis-  
9 trator, as appropriate, shall transmit a report to the  
10 congressional energy committees of the amount and  
11 nature of the deposits into, and the expenditures  
12 from, the Account during such fiscal year and of the  
13 amount and nature of other expenditures made pur-  
14 suant to section 204(a) during such fiscal year.

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

17 **SEC. 206. REPORTS ON IMPLEMENTATION.**

18 As part of the budget request for each fiscal year in  
19 which the Secretary or the Administrator, as appropriate,  
20 is authorized to carry out activities under this title, the  
21 Secretary or the Administrator, as appropriate, shall  
22 transmit to the congressional energy committees—

23 (1) a schedule of the reconfiguration, privatiza-  
24 tion, and closure actions to be carried out under this  
25 title in the fiscal year for which the request is made

1 and an estimate of the total expenditures required  
2 and cost savings to be achieved by each such recon-  
3 figuration, privatization, or closure and of the time  
4 period in which these savings are to be achieved in  
5 each case; and

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

9 **SEC. 207. CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF COMMIS-**  
10 **SION REPORT.**

11 (a) **TERMS OF THE RESOLUTION.**—For purposes of  
12 section 203(b), the term “joint resolution” means only a  
13 joint resolution which is introduced within the 10-day pe-  
14 riod beginning on the date on which the Commission  
15 transmits the report to the Congress under section  
16 202(f)(4), and—

17 (1) which does not have a preamble;

18 (2) the matter after the resolving clause of  
19 which is as follows: “That Congress disapproves the  
20 recommendations of the Energy Laboratory Facili-  
21 ties Commission as submitted on \_\_\_\_\_”, the blank  
22 space being filled in with the appropriate date; and

23 (3) the title of which is as follows: “Joint reso-  
24 lution disapproving the recommendations of the En-  
25 ergy Laboratory Facilities Commission.”.

1 (b) REFERRAL.—A resolution described in subsection  
2 (a) that is introduced in the House of Representatives  
3 shall be referred to the Committee on National Security  
4 and the Committee on Science of the House of Represent-  
5 atives. A resolution described in subsection (a) introduced  
6 in the Senate shall be referred to the Committee on Armed  
7 Services and the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-  
8 sources of the Senate.

9 (c) DISCHARGE.—If the committee to which a resolu-  
10 tion described in subsection (a) is referred has not re-  
11 ported such resolution (or an identical resolution) by the  
12 end of the 20-day period beginning on the date on which  
13 the Commission transmits the report to the Congress  
14 under section 202(f)(4), such committee shall be, at the  
15 end of such period, discharged from further consideration  
16 of such resolution, and such resolution shall be placed on  
17 the appropriate calendar of the House involved.

18 (d) CONSIDERATION.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—On or after the third day  
20 after the date on which the committee to which such  
21 a resolution is referred has reported, or has been  
22 discharged (under subsection (c)) from further con-  
23 sideration of, such a resolution, it is in order (even  
24 though a previous motion to the same effect has  
25 been disagreed to) for any Member of the respective

1 House to move to proceed to the consideration of the  
2 resolution (but only on the day after the calendar  
3 day on which such Member announces to the House  
4 concerned the Member's intention to do so). All  
5 points of order against the resolution (and against  
6 consideration of the resolution) are waived. The mo-  
7 tion is highly privileged in the House of Representa-  
8 tives and is privileged in the Senate and is not de-  
9 batable. The motion is not subject to amendment, or  
10 to a motion to postpone, or to a motion to proceed  
11 to the consideration of other business. A motion to  
12 reconsider the vote by which the motion is agreed to  
13 or disagreed to shall not be in order. If a motion to  
14 proceed to the consideration of the resolution is  
15 agreed to, the respective House shall immediately  
16 proceed to consideration of the joint resolution with-  
17 out intervening motion, order, or other business, and  
18 the resolution shall remain the unfinished business  
19 of the respective House until disposed of.

20 (2) DEBATE.—Debate on the resolution, and on  
21 all debatable motions and appeals in connection  
22 therewith, shall be limited to not more than 2 hours,  
23 which shall be divided equally between those favoring  
24 and those opposing the resolution. An amendment to  
25 the resolution is not in order. A motion further to

1 limit debate is in order and not debatable. A motion  
2 to postpone, or a motion to proceed to the consider-  
3 ation of other business, or a motion to recommit the  
4 resolution is not in order. A motion to reconsider the  
5 vote by which the resolution is agreed to or dis-  
6 agreed to is not in order.

7 (3) QUORUM CALL.—Immediately following the  
8 conclusion of the debate on a resolution described in  
9 subsection (a) and a single quorum call at the con-  
10 clusion of the debate if requested in accordance with  
11 the rules of the appropriate House, the vote on final  
12 passage of the resolution shall occur.

13 (4) APPEALS FROM DECISION OF CHAIR.—Ap-  
14 peals from the decisions of the Chair relating to the  
15 application of the rules of the Senate or the House  
16 of Representatives, as the case may be, to the proce-  
17 dure relating to a resolution described in subsection  
18 (a) shall be decided without debate.

19 (e) CONSIDERATION BY OTHER HOUSE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—If, before the passage by one  
21 House of a resolution of that House described in  
22 subsection (a), that House receives from the other  
23 House a resolution described in subsection (a), then  
24 the following procedures shall apply:

1 (A) The resolution of the other House shall  
2 not be referred to a committee and may not be  
3 considered in the House receiving it except in  
4 the case of final passage as provided in sub-  
5 paragraph (B)(ii).

6 (B) With respect to a resolution described  
7 in paragraph (1) of the House receiving the res-  
8 olution—

9 (i) the procedure in that House shall  
10 be the same as if no resolution had been  
11 received from the other House; but

12 (ii) the vote on final passage shall be  
13 on the resolution of the other House.

14 (2) CONSIDERATION AFTER DISPOSITION BY  
15 OTHER HOUSE.—Upon disposition of the resolution  
16 received from the other House, it shall no longer be  
17 in order to consider the resolution that originated in  
18 the receiving House.

19 (f) RULES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE.—This sec-  
20 tion is enacted by Congress—

21 (1) as an exercise of the rulemaking power of  
22 the Senate and House of Representatives, respec-  
23 tively, and as such it is deemed a part of the rules  
24 of each House, respectively, but applicable only with  
25 respect to the procedure to be followed in that

1 House in the case of a resolution described in sub-  
2 section (a), and it supersedes other rules only to the  
3 extent that it is inconsistent with such rules; and

4 (2) with full recognition of the constitutional  
5 right of either House to change the rules (so far as  
6 relating to the procedure of that House) at any time,  
7 in the same manner, and to the same extent as in  
8 the case of any other rule of that House.

9 **SEC. 208. DEFINITIONS.**

10 For purposes of this title:

11 (1) The term “Account” means the Energy  
12 Laboratory Facility Closure Account established in  
13 section 205(a).

14 (2) The term “Administrator” has the meaning  
15 given such term in section 809(1) of this Act.

16 (3) The term “Commission” means the Energy  
17 Laboratory Facilities Commission.

18 (4) The term “congressional energy commit-  
19 tees” means the Committee on Armed Services of  
20 the Senate, the Committee on National Security of  
21 the House of Representatives, the Committee on  
22 Science of the House of Representatives, and the  
23 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the  
24 Senate.

1           (5) The term “energy laboratory” means the  
2           Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, the Los  
3           Alamos National Laboratory, the Sandia National  
4           Laboratories, the Argonne National Laboratory, the  
5           Brookhaven National Laboratory, the Idaho Na-  
6           tional Engineering Laboratory, the Lawrence Berke-  
7           ley Laboratory, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory,  
8           the Pacific Northwest Laboratory, the National Re-  
9           newable Energy Laboratory, the Ames Laboratory,  
10          the Bates Linear Accelerator Laboratory, the Con-  
11          tinuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility, the En-  
12          ergy Technology Engineering Center, the Environ-  
13          mental Measurements Laboratory, the Fermi Na-  
14          tional Accelerator Laboratory, the Inhalation Toxi-  
15          cology Research Institute, the Laboratory of  
16          Radiobiology and Environmental Health, the Mor-  
17          gantown Energy Technology Center, the National  
18          Renewable Energy Laboratory, the New Brunswick  
19          Laboratory, the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and  
20          Education, the Pittsburgh Energy Technology Cen-  
21          ter, the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, the  
22          Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, the Savannah  
23          River Technology Center, the Specific Manufactur-  
24          ing Capability Facility, or the Stanford Linear Ac-  
25          celerator Facility.

1           (6) The term “the Secretary or the Adminis-  
2           trator, as appropriate” means the Secretary of En-  
3           ergy, or, after the effective date stated in section  
4           109(a), the Administrator.

5 **TITLE III—PRIVATIZATION OF**  
6 **FEDERAL POWER MARKET-**  
7 **ING ADMINISTRATIONS**

8 **SEC. 301. SHORT TITLE.**

9           This title may be cited as the “Federal Power Asset  
10 Privatization Act of 1997”.

11 **SEC. 302. FINDINGS.**

12           The Congress finds that—

13           (1) the Federal Power Marketing Administra-  
14           tions, over the years, have served to help bring elec-  
15           tricity to many areas in the Nation;

16           (2) they have done so with the investment of  
17           the American taxpayer;

18           (3) the necessity of federally owned power gen-  
19           eration and transmission facilities has passed and  
20           halting this practice is in the best national interest  
21           of the United States;

22           (4) in fairness to the longtime consumers of  
23           Federal Power Marketing Administrations, any proc-  
24           ess of sale should be open to them;

1           (5) the taxpayers, through investing in the con-  
2           struction and operation, have established equity in  
3           the facilities; and

4           (6) this equity entitles the American taxpayer  
5           to expect the highest possible return in the sale  
6           process.

7   **SEC. 303. SALE OF ASSETS.**

8           (a) SALE OF ASSETS.—The Secretary is authorized  
9           and directed to take such steps as necessary to sell all  
10          electric power generation facilities and transmission facili-  
11          ties, that are currently owned and operated by Federal  
12          departments and agencies under the supervision of, or co-  
13          ordination with, the Federal Power Marketing Administra-  
14          tions other than the Bonneville Power Administration. No  
15          foreign person or corporation may purchase any such fa-  
16          cilities; such facilities may be sold only to a United States  
17          citizen or to a corporation or partnership organized under  
18          the laws of a State. After such sales are completed the  
19          Secretary shall terminate the operations of the Federal  
20          Power Marketing Administrations other than the Bonne-  
21          ville Power Administration. The heads of other affected  
22          Federal departments and agencies shall assist the Sec-  
23          retary of Energy in implementing the sales authorized by  
24          this section.

25          (b) PRICE; STRUCTURE OF SALE.—

1           (1) PRICE.—The Secretary shall obtain the  
2 highest possible price for such facilities. In determin-  
3 ing the highest possible price, the value of future tax  
4 revenues shall be included.

5           (2) RETENTION OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR.—In  
6 order to conduct the sales authorized by this section  
7 in such manner as will produce the highest possible  
8 price for the facilities to be sold consistent with this  
9 title, within 30 days of enactment of this section, the  
10 Secretary shall, through a competitive bidding proc-  
11 ess, retain an experienced private sector firm to  
12 serve as financial advisor to the Secretary with re-  
13 spect to such sales.

14           (3) FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT.—Within 90  
15 days of being retained by the Secretary, the financial  
16 advisor shall provide to the Secretary a report con-  
17 taining—

18                   (A) a description of those assets described  
19 in subsection (a) which, in the opinion of the fi-  
20 nancial advisor, can be successfully transferred  
21 to private sector ownership or operation;

22                   (B) the value of each such asset, calculated  
23 on the basis of the valuation method or meth-  
24 ods which the financial advisor deems most ap-  
25 propriate to a particular asset;

1           (C) the appropriate alternative trans-  
2           actional methods for transferring each such  
3           asset to private sector ownership or operation;

4           (D) the amount of proceeds which the fi-  
5           nancial advisor estimates would be paid to the  
6           United States Government as a result of such  
7           transaction, including the present value of fu-  
8           ture revenue from taxes and any other future  
9           payments to be made to the United States Gov-  
10          ernment; and

11          (E) an estimate of the average market rate  
12          for wholesale electric power sales within each  
13          region served by a Federal Power Marketing  
14          Administration.

15          (c) TIME OF SALE.—Sales of facilities under this sec-  
16          tion shall be conducted in accordance with the time of sale  
17          schedule set forth in section 304. At least 1 year before  
18          the date of any sale specified in such schedule, the Sec-  
19          retary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Army and  
20          the Secretary of the Interior, and based on the rec-  
21          ommendations of the financial advisor, shall select the fa-  
22          cilities or groups of facilities to be sold and establish the  
23          terms and conditions of the sale.

24          (d) FORMER EMPLOYEES OF PMAS.—It is the sense  
25          of the Congress that the purchaser of any such facilities

1 should offer to employ, where possible, former employees  
2 of the Federal Power Marketing Administrations in con-  
3 nection with the operation of the facilities following their  
4 purchase.

5 (e) PROCEEDS.—The Secretary of Energy shall de-  
6 posit sale proceeds in the Treasury of the United States  
7 to the credit of miscellaneous receipts.

8 (f) PREPARATION.—The Secretary of Energy is au-  
9 thorized to use funds appropriated to the Department of  
10 Energy for the Federal Power Marketing Administrations  
11 and funds otherwise appropriated to other Federal agen-  
12 cies for power generation and related activities in order  
13 to prepare these assets for sale and conveyance. Such  
14 preparation shall provide sufficient title to ensure the ben-  
15 efiticial use, enjoyment, and occupancy to the purchasers  
16 of the assets to be sold and shall include identification of  
17 all associated laws and regulations to be amended for the  
18 purpose of these sales. The Secretary of Energy shall un-  
19 dertake a study of the effect of sales of facilities under  
20 this title on existing contracts for the sale of electric power  
21 generated at such facilities.

22 (g) REPORTING OF SALES.—Not later than one year  
23 after the sale of the assets of each Federal Power Market-  
24 ing Administration (other than the Bonneville Power Ad-

1 ministration) in accordance with this title, the Secretary  
2 of Energy shall—

3 (1) complete the business of, and close out,  
4 such administration; and

5 (2) prepare and submit to Congress a report  
6 documenting the sales.

7 (h) TREATMENT OF SALES FOR PURPOSES OF CER-  
8 TAIN LAWS.—The sales of assets under this title shall not  
9 be considered a disposal of Federal surplus property under  
10 the following provisions of law:

11 (1) Section 203 of the Federal Property and  
12 Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C.  
13 484).

14 (2) Section 13 of the Surplus Property Act of  
15 1944 (50 U.S.C. App. 1622).

16 **SEC. 304. TIME OF SALES.**

17 (a) SCHEDULE.—The Secretary of Energy shall com-  
18 plete the sale of the electric power generation and trans-  
19 mission assets referred to in section 303 in accordance  
20 with the following schedule:

Power Administration	Sale Completion Date
Southeastern	Before September 30, 1999
Southwestern	Before September 30, 2000
Western Area	Before September 30, 2001

21 (b) UNEXPENDED BALANCES.—Following the sale of  
22 the assets of each of the Federal Power Marketing Admin-

1 istrations and their associated power generation facilities,  
2 the Secretary of Energy shall return the unexpended bal-  
3 ances of funds appropriated for that administration to the  
4 Treasury of the United States.

5 **SEC. 305. RATE STABILIZATION FOR AFFECTED CONSUM-**  
6 **ERS.**

7       So that the affected consumers of the Federal Power  
8 Marketing Administrations are not impacted by severe  
9 rate increases, each purchaser of electric power generation  
10 facilities providing electric power to customers within any  
11 region shall be required, as part of the agreement to pur-  
12 chase such facilities, to insure that the price at which elec-  
13 tric power is sold to such consumers does not increase  
14 above the baseline price at a rate greater than 10 percent  
15 annually. For purposes of this section, the term “baseline  
16 price” means the price for the sale of electric power to  
17 a consumer that is in effect on the date of the sale of  
18 the facility. The preceding sentence shall cease to apply  
19 when the price at which electric power is sold to a  
20 consumer is at least equal to the average market rate for  
21 wholesale electric power sales within the region concerned,  
22 as determined by the Financial Advisor.

1 **SEC. 306. LICENSING OF PROJECTS TO PRESERVE CUR-**  
2 **RENT OPERATING CONDITIONS.**

3 (a) ORIGINAL LICENSE.—Simultaneously with the  
4 sale of hydroelectric generation facility under this title, the  
5 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission shall issue an  
6 original license under part 1 of the Federal Power Act  
7 (16 U.S.C. 791a–823b) to the purchaser for the construc-  
8 tion, operation, and maintenance of such facility. Such li-  
9 cense shall expire on the date 10 years after the date of  
10 the sale of the facility and shall contain standard terms  
11 and conditions for hydroelectric power licenses issued  
12 under part 1 of such Act for facilities installed at Federal  
13 water projects, together with such additional terms and  
14 conditions as the Commission deems necessary, in con-  
15 sultation with the department or agency which operates  
16 such water project, to further the project purposes and  
17 insure that the project will continue operations in the  
18 same manner and subject to the same procedures, con-  
19 tracts, and other requirements as were applicable prior to  
20 the sale. The Commission shall publish such license terms  
21 and conditions for each facility to be sold under this title  
22 as promptly as practicable after the date of the enactment  
23 of this Act but not later than one year prior to the date  
24 established for the sale of the facility.

25 (b) LICENSE REQUIRED.—Notwithstanding any  
26 other provision of law, the Federal Energy Regulatory

1 Commission shall have jurisdiction under part 1 of the  
2 Federal Power Act over any hydroelectric generation facil-  
3 ity sold under this title.

4 **SEC. 307. ENABLING FEDERAL STUDIES.**

5 Section 505 of the Energy and Water Development  
6 Appropriations Act of 1993 (Public Law 102–377) is  
7 hereby repealed.

8 **SEC. 308. BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION.**

9 (a) **TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.**—There are hereby  
10 transferred to the Secretary of the Interior all functions  
11 performed by the Department of Energy with respect to  
12 the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) on the day  
13 before the effective date of this section.

14 (b) **STUDY REGARDING FUTURE OF BONNEVILLE**  
15 **POWER ADMINISTRATION.**—The Secretary of the Interior  
16 shall conduct a study, taking into consideration any rel-  
17 evant factor, including debt, statutory or treaty obliga-  
18 tions, to determine which option regarding the future dis-  
19 position of BPA represents the most cost-effective option  
20 for both the Pacific Northwest and United States as a  
21 whole.

22 (c) **REPORT REGARDING STUDY.**—The Secretary  
23 shall submit to Congress a report describing the results  
24 of the study and containing such recommendations as con-

1 sistent with the findings of the report within 1 year after  
2 the enactment of this Act.

3 **SEC. 309. DEFINITIONS.**

4 For purposes of this title:

5 (1) The term “power generation facility” means  
6 a facility used for the generation of electric energy.  
7 If any portion of a structure or other facility is used  
8 for flood control, water supply or other purposes in  
9 addition to the generation of electric energy, such  
10 term refers only to that portion of the structure or  
11 facility used exclusively for the generation of electric  
12 energy, including turbines, generators, controls, sub-  
13 stations, and primary lines used for transmitting  
14 electric energy therefrom to the point of juncture  
15 with the interconnected primary transmission sys-  
16 tem. Such term shall not include any portion of a fa-  
17 cility used for navigation, flood control, irrigation,  
18 water supply, or recreation.

19 (2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
20 of Energy or any successor agency. If any such  
21 agency terminates prior to the complete execution of  
22 all duties vested in the Secretary of Energy under  
23 this title, such duties shall be vested in the Secretary  
24 of the Interior.

1           **TITLE IV—TRANSFER AND**  
2           **DISPOSAL OF RESERVES**

3   **SEC. 401. STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.**

4           (a) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—There are hereby  
5 transferred to the Secretary of the Interior all functions  
6 performed by the Department of Energy with respect to  
7 the Strategic Petroleum Reserve on the day before the ef-  
8 fective date of this section.

9           (b) SALE OF CERTAIN RESERVES.—Notwithstanding  
10 section 161 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act,  
11 the Secretary of the Interior shall sell the reserves held  
12 at Weeks Island, Louisiana, in a manner that provides for  
13 minimal disruption of petroleum markets.

14           (c) ADVISORY BOARD.—(1) The Secretary of the In-  
15 terior shall appoint an advisory board, consisting of 3 indi-  
16 viduals with experience in oil markets and production and  
17 international relations, which shall—

18                   (A) monitor the sale of reserves under sub-  
19                   section (b) and its effects on petroleum markets; and

20                   (B) within 60 days after the completion of such  
21                   sale, submit to the Congress a report containing rec-  
22                   ommendations as described in paragraph (2).

23           (2) The advisory board shall make recommendations  
24 on whether the United States should maintain or dispose  
25 of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, based on information

1 obtained pursuant to paragraph (1)(A) and any other rel-  
2 evant information the advisory board obtains. If the advi-  
3 sory board recommends maintaining the Strategic Petro-  
4 leum Reserve, it shall include recommendations for admin-  
5 istering the Reserve, and if it recommends disposing of  
6 the Reserve, it shall include recommendations for proce-  
7 dures for carrying out such disposal.

8 (3) Notwithstanding section 14 of the Federal Advi-  
9 sory Committee Act, the advisory board established under  
10 this subsection shall terminate within 30 days after it sub-  
11 mits a report under paragraph (1)(B).

12 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
13 on the effective date stated in section 109(a).

14 **SEC. 402. DISPOSAL OF REMAINING NAVAL PETROLEUM**  
15 **RESERVES.**

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

21 (b) TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS.—There are trans-  
22 ferred to the Administrator of the Energy Programs Reso-  
23 lution Agency all functions performed with respect to the  
24 naval petroleum reserves.

25 (c) DISPOSAL OF RESERVES.—

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

6           (2) PRICE.—In carrying out the disposal, the  
7           Administrator shall obtain the highest possible price  
8           for the naval petroleum reserves.

9           (3) JOINT PLAN.—The Administrator shall  
10          carry out the disposal in accordance with a plan  
11          jointly developed by the Administrator and the Sec-  
12          retary of the Interior.

13          (d) TRANSFER OF REMAINING RESERVES.—At the  
14          end of the 1-year period beginning on the date of enact-  
15          ment of this Act, the Administrator shall transfer to the  
16          Secretary of the Interior all functions performed by the  
17          Administrator with respect to the portions of the naval  
18          petroleum reserves that are not disposed of by the Admin-  
19          istrator under subsection (c) during that period.

20          (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1)(A) Chapter  
21          641 of title 10, United States Code, is repealed.

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

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

3 **TITLE V—NATIONAL SECURITY**  
4 **AND ENVIRONMENTAL MAN-**  
5 **AGEMENT PROGRAMS**

6 **Subtitle A—Defense Nuclear**  
7 **Programs Agency**

8 **SEC. 501. DEFINITIONS.**

9 In this subtitle:

10 (1) The term “defense nuclear programs mat-  
11 ters” means matters related to the military use of  
12 nuclear energy and nuclear weapons, including all  
13 such matters, other than matters related to naval  
14 nuclear propulsion functions of the Department of  
15 Energy, that were under the jurisdiction of the fol-  
16 lowing entities on the day before the date of the en-  
17 actment of this Act:

18 (A) The Department of Energy.

19 (B) The Defense Special Weapons Agency  
20 of the Department of Defense.

21 (C) The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety  
22 Board.

23 (2) The term “Under Secretary” means the  
24 Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nuclear  
25 Programs.

1           (3) The term “Agency” means the Defense Nu-  
2           clear Programs Agency.

3 **SEC. 502. ESTABLISHMENT AND ORGANIZATION OF DE-**  
4 **FENSE NUCLEAR PROGRAMS AGENCY.**

5           (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR PRO-  
6 GRAMS AGENCY.—There is established an agency in the  
7 Department of Defense to be known as the Defense Nu-  
8 clear Programs Agency.

9           (b) UNDER SECRETARY.—The Agency shall be head-  
10 ed by an Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Programs,  
11 who shall serve as the principal adviser to the President  
12 and the Secretary of Defense on defense nuclear programs  
13 matters. In carrying out his duties under this Act, the  
14 Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Programs shall, sub-  
15 ject to the authority, direction, and control of the Sec-  
16 retary of Defense, have primary responsibility within the  
17 Government for defense nuclear programs matters. The  
18 Under Secretary shall be appointed by the President, by  
19 and with the advice and consent of the Senate. A commis-  
20 sioned officer of the Armed Forces serving on active duty  
21 may not be appointed Under Secretary. The Under Sec-  
22 retary shall be compensated at the rate provided for level  
23 II of the Executive Schedule under section 5313 of title  
24 5, United States Code.

1           (c) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY.—A Deputy Under  
2 Secretary for Defense Nuclear Programs shall be ap-  
3 pointed by the President, by and with the advice and con-  
4 sent of the Senate. The Deputy Under Secretary shall per-  
5 form such duties and exercise such powers as the Under  
6 Secretary for Defense Nuclear Programs may prescribe.  
7 The Deputy Under Secretary shall act for, and exercise  
8 the powers of, the Under Secretary during the Under Sec-  
9 retary's absence or disability or during a vacancy in such  
10 office. A commissioned officer of the Armed Forces serv-  
11 ing on active duty may not be appointed Deputy Under  
12 Secretary. The Deputy Under Secretary shall be com-  
13 pensated at the rate provided for level III of the Executive  
14 Schedule under section 5314 of title 5, United States  
15 Code.

16           (d) ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.—(1) Two Assistant  
17 Secretaries of the Agency shall be appointed by the Presi-  
18 dent, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.  
19 They shall perform such duties and exercise such powers  
20 as the Under Secretary may prescribe.

21           (2) One of the Assistant Secretaries shall have as his  
22 principal duty the overall supervision of environmental res-  
23 toration of defense nuclear weapons facilities.

24           (3) One of the Assistant Secretaries shall have as his  
25 principal duty the overall supervision of the oversight of

1 the defense and nondefense functions and budgets of the  
2 Sandia National Laboratories, the Los Alamos National  
3 Laboratory, and the Lawrence Livermore National Lab-  
4 oratory (or whatever laboratories (or portions of labora-  
5 tories) carrying out the functions of such laboratories re-  
6 main after reconfiguration, privatization, or closure (if  
7 any) pursuant to title II).

8 (4) Each Assistant Secretary shall be compensated  
9 at the rate provided for level IV of the Executive Schedule  
10 under section 5315 of title 5, United States Code.

11 (e) INSPECTOR GENERAL.—There shall be an Inspec-  
12 tor General of the Agency, who shall be appointed as pro-  
13 vided in section 3 of the Inspector General Act of 1978  
14 (5 U.S.C. App. 3). The Inspector General shall perform  
15 the duties, have the responsibilities, and exercise the pow-  
16 ers specified in the Inspector General Act of 1978 (5  
17 U.S.C. App. 3).

18 (f) GENERAL COUNSEL.—There shall be a General  
19 Counsel of the Agency, who shall be appointed by the  
20 Under Secretary. The General Counsel shall be the chief  
21 legal officer for all legal matters arising from the conduct  
22 of the functions of the Agency. The General Counsel shall  
23 be compensated at the rate provided for level V of the Ex-  
24 ecutive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United  
25 States Code.

1 **SEC. 503. FUNCTIONS OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR PROGRAMS**

2 **AGENCY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for Defense  
4 Nuclear Programs shall be responsible for the exercise of  
5 all powers and the discharge of all duties of the Agency.

6 (b) TRANSFERRED FUNCTIONS.—The Under Sec-  
7 retary for Defense Nuclear Programs shall carry out all  
8 functions transferred to the Under Secretary pursuant to  
9 section 504.

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

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

15 **SEC. 504. TRANSFERS OF FUNCTIONS.**

16 (a) DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY.—(1) There are here-  
17 by transferred to the Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear  
18 Programs all functions performed by the Department of  
19 Energy on the day before the date of the enactment of  
20 this Act relating to the national security functions of the  
21 Department, including defense, nonproliferation, and de-  
22 fense-related environmental management programs, but  
23 not including the naval nuclear propulsion program car-  
24 ried out by the Department of Energy.

25 (2) There are hereby transferred to the Under Sec-  
26 retary for Defense Nuclear Programs all functions per-

1 formed by the Department of Energy on the day before  
2 the date of the enactment of this Act relating to the over-  
3 sight of the defense and nondefense functions and budgets  
4 of the following laboratories:

5 (A) Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque,  
6 New Mexico, and Livermore, California.

7 (B) Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Ala-  
8 mos, New Mexico.

9 (C) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory,  
10 California.

11 (b) DEFENSE SPECIAL WEAPONS AGENCY.—There  
12 are hereby transferred to the Under Secretary for Defense  
13 Nuclear Programs all functions performed by the Defense  
14 Special Weapons Agency of the Department of Defense  
15 on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act  
16 relating to nuclear weapons systems.

17 (c) DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY  
18 BOARD.—There are hereby transferred to the Under Sec-  
19 retary for Defense Nuclear Programs all functions per-  
20 formed by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on  
21 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (d) OTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS-RELATED FUNC-  
23 TIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may transfer to the  
24 Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Programs such  
25 other functions performed by the Department of Defense

1 on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act  
2 relating to nuclear weapons as the Secretary considers ap-  
3 propriate.

4 (e) CONFORMING REPEALS.—

5 (1) ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DE-  
6 FENSE FOR NUCLEAR AND CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGI-  
7 CAL DEFENSE PROGRAMS.—Section 142 of title 10,  
8 United States Code, is hereby repealed. The table of  
9 sections at the beginning of chapter 4 of such title  
10 is amended by striking out the item relating to such  
11 section.

12 (2) DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY  
13 BOARD.—Chapter 21 of title I of the Atomic Energy  
14 Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286) is hereby repealed.

15 (3) REFERENCES.—Any reference to the Assist-  
16 ant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical  
17 and Biological Defense Programs or the Defense  
18 Nuclear Facilities Safety Board in any provision of  
19 law or in any rule, regulation, or other paper of the  
20 United States shall be treated as referring to the  
21 Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Programs.

22 **SEC. 505. LIMITATION ON TRANSFERS OF FUNDS.**

23 No amount appropriated to the Agency may be trans-  
24 ferred to any other account (other than another account  
25 of the Agency) unless the transfer of such amount to such

1 account is specifically authorized by law. No amount ap-  
2 propriated to the Department of Defense or another de-  
3 partment or agency may be transferred to the Under Sec-  
4 retary for Defense Nuclear Programs or to an account for  
5 the Agency unless the transfer of such amount to such  
6 account is specifically authorized by law.

7 **SEC. 506. TRANSITION PROVISIONS.**

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

17 (b) AUTHORITIES TO WIND UP AFFAIRS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—(A) The Director of the Of-  
19 fice of Management and Budget may take such ac-  
20 tions as the Director considers necessary to wind up  
21 any outstanding affairs of the Department of En-  
22 ergy associated with the functions that are trans-  
23 ferred pursuant to section 504(a).

24 (B) The Secretary of Defense may take such  
25 actions as the Secretary considers necessary to wind

1 up any outstanding affairs of the Defense Special  
2 Weapons Agency associated with the functions that  
3 are transferred pursuant to section 504(b), any out-  
4 standing affairs of the Department of Defense asso-  
5 ciated with any functions that may be transferred  
6 pursuant to section 504(d), and any outstanding af-  
7 fairs of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for  
8 Nuclear and Chemical and Biological Defense Pro-  
9 grams.

10 (C) The Secretary of the Navy may take such  
11 actions as the Secretary considers necessary to wind  
12 up any outstanding affairs of the strategic systems  
13 programs of the Department of the Navy associated  
14 with the functions that are transferred pursuant to  
15 section 504(e).

16 (D) The Director of the Office of Management  
17 and Budget may take such actions as the Director  
18 considers necessary to wind up any outstanding af-  
19 fairs of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

20 (2) TRANSFER OF ASSETS.—So much of the  
21 personnel, property, records, and unexpended bal-  
22 ances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds  
23 employed, used, held, available, or to be made avail-  
24 able in connection with a function transferred to the  
25 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 in subsection (b) shall be carried out in  
7       such manner as the President directs and by the  
8       heads of such agencies as the President designates.

9       **SEC. 507. 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 out “Commu-  
17       nity Service, or” and inserting “Community Service,  
18       the Defense Nuclear Programs Agency,”.

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

23               “Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear Pro-  
24       grams.”.

1 (2) Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is  
2 amended by adding at the end the following:

3 “Deputy Under Secretary for Defense Nuclear  
4 Programs.”.

5 (3) Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “Assistant Secretaries, Defense Nuclear Pro-  
8 grams Agency (2).

9 “Inspector General, Defense Nuclear Programs  
10 Agency.”.

11 (4) Section 5316 of title 5, United States Code, is  
12 amended by adding at the end the following:

13 “General Counsel, Defense Nuclear Programs  
14 Agency.”.

15 (5) Section 5316 of title 5, United States Code, is  
16 amended by striking out the item relating to the Assistant  
17 to the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and  
18 Biological Defense Programs, Department of Defense.

19 **SEC. 508. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TRANSITION PERIOD.**

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

23 (b) **DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR ESTABLISH-**  
24 **MENT OF AGENCY AND TRANSFERS OF FUNCTIONS.**—

1 Section 502(a) and section 504 of this Act shall take effect  
2 one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 (c) TRANSITION PERIOD.—The Secretary of Defense,  
4 the Secretary of Energy, the Assistant to the Secretary  
5 of Defense for Nuclear and Chemical and Biological De-  
6 fense Programs, and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety  
7 Board shall, beginning as soon as practicable after the  
8 date of the enactment of this Act, plan for the orderly  
9 establishment of, and transfer of functions to, the Agency  
10 pursuant to this Act.

11 (d) APPOINTMENT AUTHORITY.—The President may  
12 make appointments under section 2 notwithstanding the  
13 delayed effective date under subsection (b) for the estab-  
14 lishment of the Agency.

15 (e) REPORT ON CIVILIAN COUNTERPART FOR NAVAL  
16 NUCLEAR PROPULSION PROGRAM.—Not later than 6  
17 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
18 Energy Laboratory Facilities Commission established  
19 under title II shall submit to Congress a report containing  
20 the recommendations of the Commission for a civilian en-  
21 tity that should perform the functions that were performed  
22 by the Department of Energy relating to the naval nuclear  
23 propulsion program on the day before the date of the en-  
24 actment of this Act. In preparing the report, the Commis-  
25 sion may not consider recommending the Defense Nuclear

1 Programs Agency or any other entity within the Depart-  
2 ment of Defense.

3 **Subtitle B—Environmental Res-**  
4 **toration Activities at Defense**  
5 **Nuclear Facilities**

6 **SEC. 521. ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION ACTIVITIES AT**  
7 **DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES.**

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

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

“Subtitle A—General Provisions

“Sec. 501. Applicability.

“Sec. 502. Definitions.

“Subtitle B—Selection of Remedial Action

“Sec. 511. Review of ongoing and planned remedial actions.

“Sec. 512. Selection of remedial action.

“Sec. 513. Site-specific risk assessment.

“Sec. 514. Analysis of risk reduction benefits and costs.

16 **“Subtitle A—General Provisions**

17 **“SEC. 501. APPLICABILITY.**

18 “Notwithstanding section 120, the provisions of this  
19 title shall apply with respect to selection of remedial ac-  
20 tions at defense nuclear facilities.

1 **“SEC. 502. DEFINITIONS.**

2 “For purposes of this title:

3 “(1) The term “defense nuclear facility”  
4 means—

5 “(A) a production facility or utilization fa-  
6 cility (as those terms are defined in section 11  
7 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C.  
8 2014)) that is under the control or jurisdiction  
9 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Defense  
10 Nuclear Programs and that is operated for na-  
11 tional security purposes (including the tritium  
12 loading facility at Savannah River, South Caro-  
13 lina, the 236 H facility at Savannah River,  
14 South Carolina; and the Mound Laboratory,  
15 Ohio), but the term does not include any facil-  
16 ity that does not conduct atomic energy defense  
17 activities and does not include any facility or  
18 activity covered by Executive Order Number  
19 12344, dated February 1, 1982, pertaining to  
20 the naval nuclear propulsion program;

21 “(B) a nuclear waste storage or disposal  
22 facility that is under the control or jurisdiction  
23 of the Under Secretary of Defense for Defense  
24 Nuclear Programs;

25 “(C) a testing and assembly facility that is  
26 under the control or jurisdiction of the Under

1 Secretary of Defense for Defense Nuclear Pro-  
2 grams and that is operated for national security  
3 purposes (including the Nevada Test Site, Ne-  
4 vada; the Pinnellas Plant, Florida; and the  
5 Pantex facility, Texas);

6 “(D) an atomic weapons research facility  
7 that is under the control or jurisdiction of the  
8 Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nu-  
9 clear Programs (including the Lawrence Liver-  
10 more, Los Alamos, and Sandia National Lab-  
11 oratories); or

12 “(E) any facility described in paragraphs  
13 (1) through (4) that—

14 “(i) is no longer in operation;

15 “(ii) was under the control or jurisdic-  
16 tion of the Department of Defense, the  
17 Atomic Energy Commission, the Energy  
18 Research and Development Administration,  
19 or the Department of Energy; and

20 “(iii) was operated for national secu-  
21 rity purposes.

22 “(2) The term ‘Under Secretary’ means the  
23 Under Secretary of Defense for Defense Nuclear  
24 Programs.



1 construction is ongoing or has been completed as of  
2 such date; or

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

5 **“SEC. 512. SELECTION OF REMEDIAL ACTION.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary shall select  
7 a remedial action for a defense nuclear facility based upon  
8 consideration of a site-specific risk assessment conducted  
9 in accordance with section 513 and an analysis of risk re-  
10 duction benefits and costs conducted in accordance with  
11 section 514.

12 “(b) REQUIREMENT FOR LOWEST COST ACTION.—  
13 In selecting a remedial action, the Under Secretary shall  
14 select the lowest cost action which achieves a residual risk  
15 that is within the risk range goal established by the Na-  
16 tional Contingency Plan for protection of public health  
17 and the environment, unless—

18 “(1) the incremental benefits of a more expen-  
19 sive remedial action justify incurring the incremental  
20 costs of the more expensive remedy, as set forth in  
21 the analysis of risk reductions cost and benefits for  
22 the remedial action pursuant to section 514, in  
23 which case a more expensive remedy may be se-  
24 lected, or

1           “(2) the benefits of the lowest cost remedy  
2           which achieves a residual risk level within the risk  
3           range goal are not reasonably related to the costs of  
4           such remedy, in which case a less expensive remedy  
5           may be selected.

6           “(c) CONSULTATION.—Before selection of a remedial  
7           action and before public comment under subsection (d),  
8           the Under Secretary shall consult with the Administrator,  
9           officials of State, local, or tribal governments having juris-  
10          diction over the property or, in the case of property which  
11          is exclusively under Federal jurisdiction, having jurisdic-  
12          tion over the surrounding areas. Such consultation shall  
13          include discussion of, at a minimum, current area demo-  
14          graphics, land and water uses, and currently planned land  
15          and water uses, the determination of which shall remain  
16          the sole purview of the appropriate State, local, or tribal  
17          government with jurisdiction.

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

22          “(e) CERTIFICATION.—The Under Secretary shall  
23          certify the following when selecting a remedial action:

24                  “(1) That the analysis of risk reduction benefits  
25                  and costs for the remedial action pursuant to section

1 514 is based on objective and unbiased scientific and  
2 economic evaluations of all significant and relevant  
3 information and on risk assessments provided to the  
4 agency by interested parties relating to the costs,  
5 risks, and risk reduction and other benefits of the  
6 remedial action selected.

7 “(2) That the incremental risk reduction or  
8 other benefits of the remedial action will be likely to  
9 justify, and be reasonably related to, the incremental  
10 costs incurred by the Federal Government, by State,  
11 local, and tribal governments, and other public and  
12 private entities.

13 “(3) That other alternative remedial actions  
14 identified or considered by the agency were found to  
15 be less cost-effective at achieving a substantially  
16 equivalent reduction in risk.

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

20 **“SEC. 513. SITE-SPECIFIC RISK ASSESSMENT.**

21 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) A site-specific risk assess-  
22 ment shall be performed in accordance with this section  
23 before the selection of a remedial action at a defense nu-  
24 clear facility. The Under Secretary shall apply the prin-

1 ciples set forth in subsection (b) in order to ensure that  
2 a site-specific risk assessment—

3 “(A) distinguishes scientific findings from other  
4 considerations;

5 “(B) is, to the extent feasible, scientifically ob-  
6 jective, unbiased, and inclusive of all relevant data;  
7 and

8 “(C) relies, to the extent available and prac-  
9 ticable, on factual site-specific data.

10 “(2) Discussions or explanations required under this  
11 section need not be repeated in each risk assessment docu-  
12 ment as long as there is a reference to the relevant discus-  
13 sions or explanation in another agency document which  
14 is available to the public.

15 “(b) PRINCIPLES.—The principles to be applied in  
16 conducting a site-specific risk assessment are as follows:

17 “(1) When discussing human health risks, a  
18 site-specific risk assessment shall contain a discus-  
19 sion of both relevant laboratory and relevant epi-  
20 demiologic data of sufficient quality which finds, or  
21 fails to find, a correlation between health risks and  
22 a potential toxin or activity. Where conflicts among  
23 such data appear to exist, or where animal data is  
24 used as a basis to assess human health, the site-spe-  
25 cific risk assessment shall, to the extent feasible and

1 appropriate, include discussion of possible reconcili-  
2 ation of conflicting information, and, as relevant,  
3 differences in study designs, comparative physiology,  
4 routes of exposure, bioavailability, pharmacokinetics,  
5 and any other relevant factor, including the suffi-  
6 ciency of basic data for review. The discussion of  
7 possible reconciliation should indicate whether there  
8 is a biological basis to assume a resulting harm in  
9 humans. Animal data shall be reviewed with regard  
10 to its relevancy to humans.

11 “(2) Where a site-specific risk assessment in-  
12 volves selection of any significant default value, as-  
13 sumption, inference, or model, the risk assessment  
14 document shall, to the extent feasible—

15 “(A) present a representative list and ex-  
16 planation of plausible and alternative assump-  
17 tions, inferences, or models;

18 “(B) explain the basis for any choices;

19 “(C) identify any policy or value judg-  
20 ments;

21 “(D) fully describe any model used in the  
22 risk assessment and make explicit the assump-  
23 tions incorporated in the model; and

1           “(E) indicate the extent to which any sig-  
2           nificant model has been validated by, or con-  
3           flicts with, empirical data.

4           “(3) The site-specific risk assessment shall  
5           meet each of the following requirements regarding  
6           risk characterization and communication:

7           “(A) The risk characterization shall de-  
8           scribe the populations or natural resources  
9           which are the subject of the risk characteriza-  
10          tion. If a numerical estimate of risk is provided,  
11          the agency shall, to the extent feasible, pro-  
12          vide—

13                 “(i) the best estimate or estimates for  
14                 the specific populations or natural re-  
15                 sources which are the subject to the char-  
16                 acterization (based on the information  
17                 available to the Federal agency); and

18                 “(ii) a statement of the reasonable  
19                 range of scientific uncertainties.

20           In addition to such best estimate or estimates,  
21           the risk characterization document may present  
22           plausible upper-bound or conservative estimates  
23           in conjunction with plausible lower-bound esti-  
24           mates. Where appropriate, the risk character-  
25           ization document may present, in lieu of a sin-

1           gle best estimate, multiple best estimates based  
2           on assumptions, inferences, or models which are  
3           equally plausible, given current scientific under-  
4           standing. To the extent practicable and appro-  
5           priate, the document shall provide descriptions  
6           of the distribution and probability of risk esti-  
7           mates to reflect differences in exposure varia-  
8           bility or sensitivity in populations and attend-  
9           ance uncertainties. Sensitive subpopulations or  
10          highly exposed subpopulations include, where  
11          relevant and appropriate, children, the elderly,  
12          pregnant women, and disabled persons.

13                 “(B) Exposure scenarios shall be based on  
14                 actual exposure pathways and currently planned  
15                 future land and water uses as established by  
16                 any local governmental authorities with jurisdic-  
17                 tion over the property and shall consider the  
18                 availability of alternative water supplies. To the  
19                 extent feasible, the site-specific risk assessment  
20                 shall include a statement of the size of the pop-  
21                 ulation at risk under any proposed exposure  
22                 scenario and the likelihood of such scenario.  
23                 Exposure scenarios shall explicitly identify  
24                 those exposure scenarios which result in plau-  
25                 sible completed exposure pathways.

1           “(C) A site-specific risk assessment shall  
2 contain a statement that places the magnitude  
3 of risks to human health, safety, or the environ-  
4 ment in context. Such statement shall, to the  
5 extent feasible, provide comparisons with esti-  
6 mates of greater, lesser, and substantially  
7 equivalent risks that are familiar to and rou-  
8 tinely encountered by the general public as well  
9 as other risks, and where appropriate and  
10 meaningful, comparisons of those risks with  
11 other similar risks regulated by the Federal  
12 agency resulting from comparable activities and  
13 exposure pathways. Such comparisons should  
14 consider relevant distinctions among risks, such  
15 as the voluntary or involuntary nature of risks  
16 and the preventability or nonpreventability of  
17 risks.

18           “(D) Each site-specific risk assessment  
19 shall include a statement of any significant sub-  
20 stitution risks to human health, where informa-  
21 tion on such risks has been provided to the  
22 Under Secretary.

23           “(E) If a commenter provides the Under  
24 Secretary with a relevant risk assessment and a  
25 summary thereof in a timely fashion and the

1 risk assessment is consistent with the principles  
2 and the guidance provided under this section,  
3 the Under Secretary shall, to the extent fea-  
4 sible, present such summary in connection with  
5 the presentation of the site-specific risk assess-  
6 ment. Nothing in this paragraph shall be con-  
7 strued to limit the inclusion of any comments  
8 or material supplied by any person to the ad-  
9 ministrative record of any proceeding.

10 “(4) A site-specific risk assessment may satisfy  
11 the requirements of subparagraph (C), (D), or (E)  
12 of paragraph (3) by reference to information or ma-  
13 terial otherwise available to the public if the docu-  
14 ment provides a brief summary of such information  
15 or material.

16 **“SEC. 514. ANALYSIS OF RISK REDUCTION BENEFITS AND**  
17 **COSTS.**

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

22 “(b) CONTENTS OF ANALYSIS.—An analysis of risk  
23 reduction benefits and costs for a remedial action shall  
24 contain the following:

1           “(1) An identification of reasonable alternative  
2 strategies, including strategies that are proposed  
3 during a public comment period.

4           “(2) An analysis of the incremental costs and  
5 incremental risk reduction or other benefits associ-  
6 ated with each alternative remedial action identified  
7 or considered. Costs and benefits shall be quantified  
8 to the extent feasible and appropriate and may oth-  
9 erwise be qualitatively described.

10           “(3) A statement that places in context the na-  
11 ture and magnitude of the risks to be addressed and  
12 the residual risks likely to remain for each alter-  
13 native strategy identified or considered by the Under  
14 Secretary. Such statement shall, to the extent fea-  
15 sible, provide comparisons with estimates of greater,  
16 lesser, and substantially equivalent risks that are fa-  
17 miliar to and routinely encountered by the general  
18 public as well as other risks and, where appropriate  
19 and meaningful, comparisons of those risks with  
20 other similar risks regulated by the Federal Govern-  
21 ment resulting from comparable activities and expo-  
22 sure pathways. Such comparisons should consider  
23 relevant distinctions among risks, such as the vol-  
24 untary or involuntary nature of risks and the pre-  
25 ventability or nonpreventability of risks.

1           “(4) An analysis of whether the identified bene-  
2           fits of the remedial action are likely to exceed the  
3           identified costs of the remedial action.”.

4 **SEC. 522. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

5           Section 120(a)(3) of the Comprehensive Environ-  
6           mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
7           1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(a)(3)) is amended by inserting  
8           after the second sentence the following: “This subsection  
9           also shall not apply to the extent otherwise provided in  
10          title V with respect to selection of remedial actions at de-  
11          fense nuclear facilities.”.

12 **SEC. 523. RENEGOTIATION OF COMPLIANCE AGREEMENTS.**

13          (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—For each defense nuclear facil-  
14          ity with respect to which a compliance agreement has been  
15          entered into by the Secretary of Energy, the Environ-  
16          mental Protection Agency, and a State as of the date of  
17          the enactment of this Act, the Under Secretary of Defense  
18          for Defense Nuclear Programs shall enter into negotia-  
19          tions with the Environmental Protection Agency and the  
20          State concerned to renegotiate the terms of the compliance  
21          agreement to reflect title V of the Comprehensive Environ-  
22          mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
23          1980, as added by section 521.

24          (b) **DEADLINE.**—The Under Secretary of Defense for  
25          Defense Nuclear Programs shall complete renegotiation of

1 compliance agreements as required by subsection (a) not  
2 later than one year after the date of the enactment of this  
3 Act.

4 **TITLE VI—DISPOSITION OF**  
5 **MISCELLANEOUS PARTICULAR**  
6 **PROGRAMS, FUNCTIONS, AND**  
7 **AGENCIES OF DEPARTMENT**

8 **SEC. 601. ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.**

9 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—

10 (1) LIMITATIONS.—The amount which may be  
11 appropriated for Energy Supply Research and De-  
12 velopment activities of the Department of Energy,  
13 including Basic Energy Sciences, Magnetic Fusion  
14 Energy, Solar and Renewable Energy, Nuclear Fis-  
15 sion, and Biological and Environmental Sciences re-  
16 search and development, and all other research and  
17 development activities of the Department of Energy  
18 other than General Science and Research activities,  
19 shall not exceed—

20 (A) for fiscal year 1998, 75 percent of the  
21 budget authority available for such purposes for  
22 fiscal year 1997;

23 (B) for fiscal year 1999, 50 percent of the  
24 budget authority available for such purposes for  
25 fiscal year 1997;

1 (C) for fiscal year 2000, 50 percent of the  
2 budget authority available for such purposes for  
3 fiscal year 1997;

4 (D) for fiscal year 2001, 50 percent of the  
5 budget authority available for such purposes for  
6 fiscal year 1997; and

7 (E) for fiscal year 2002, 50 percent of the  
8 budget authority available for such purposes for  
9 fiscal year 1997.

10 (2) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this sub-  
11 section, the term “budget authority” has the mean-  
12 ing given such term in section 3(2) of the Congres-  
13 sional Budget Act of 1974.

14 (b) RECOMMENDATIONS.—Within 1 year of the date  
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Energy Laboratory Fa-  
16 cilities Commission established under section 201(a) of  
17 this Act shall identify in a report to Congress all research  
18 and development activities of the Department of Energy  
19 carried out at energy laboratories (as such term is defined  
20 in section 208(5) of this Act) or at institutions of higher  
21 education, that perform a critical research function of im-  
22 portance to the long-term economic wellbeing of the Unit-  
23 ed States. Such report shall include recommendations for  
24 the transfer of such activities to appropriate Federal agen-  
25 cies.

1 (c) TERMINATION OF PROGRAMS.—

2 (1) CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY.—The Secretary  
3 of Energy shall terminate all clean coal technology  
4 research and development activities of the Depart-  
5 ment of Energy.

6 (2) FOSSIL ENERGY AND ENERGY CONSERVA-  
7 TION.—The amount which may be appropriated to  
8 the Secretary of Energy—

9 (A) for fossil energy research and develop-  
10 ment activities of the Department of Energy  
11 shall not exceed—

12 (i) for fiscal year 1998, 75 percent of  
13 the budget authority available for such  
14 purposes for fiscal year 1997;

15 (ii) for fiscal year 1999, 50 percent of  
16 the budget authority available for such  
17 purposes for fiscal year 1997; and

18 (iii) for fiscal year 2000, 25 percent  
19 of the budget authority available for such  
20 purposes for fiscal year 1997; and

21 (B) for energy conservation research and  
22 development activities of the Department of En-  
23 ergy shall not exceed—

1 (i) for fiscal year 1998, 75 percent of  
2 the budget authority available for such  
3 purposes for fiscal year 1997;

4 (ii) for fiscal year 1999, 50 percent of  
5 the budget authority available for such  
6 purposes for fiscal year 1997; and

7 (iii) for fiscal year 2000, 25 percent  
8 of the budget authority available for such  
9 purposes for fiscal year 1997.

10 The fossil energy and energy conservation research  
11 and development activities of the Department of En-  
12 ergy shall be terminated at the end of fiscal year  
13 2000.

14 (d) TRANSFER OF PROGRAMS.—The following activi-  
15 ties of the Department of Energy shall, no later than 60  
16 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, be trans-  
17 ferred to the Department of Defense:

18 (1) All activities described under the category  
19 “Weapons Activities” in the annual budget request  
20 of the President for fiscal year 1998, including  
21 weapons stockpile stewardship and management.

22 (2) All activities described under the category  
23 “Other Defense Activities” in the annual budget re-  
24 quest of the President for fiscal year 1998, other  
25 than the activity described as “Naval Reactors”.

1 (e) PROGRESS REPORTS.—The Secretary of Energy  
2 shall, every 90 days after the date of the enactment of  
3 this Act until the completion of the execution of sub-  
4 sections (c) and (d), transmit to the Congress a report  
5 on the progress made toward such execution.

6 **SEC. 602. ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION.**

7 There are hereby transferred to the Department of  
8 the Treasury all functions performed by the Energy Infor-  
9 mation Administration on the day before the effective date  
10 of this section. There are authorized to be appropriated  
11 for carrying out the activities of the Energy Information  
12 Administration \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
13 1998 through 2002.

14 **SEC. 603. ENERGY REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION.**

15 There are hereby transferred to the Attorney General  
16 all functions performed by the Energy Regulatory Admin-  
17 istration on the day before the effective date of this sec-  
18 tion.

19 **SEC. 604. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

20 (a) GENERAL RULE.—Except as provided in sub-  
21 section (b), this title shall take effect on the date specified  
22 in section 109(a) of this Act.

23 (b) EXCEPTIONS.—Section 601(c), (d), and (e), shall  
24 take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **TITLE VII—CIVILIAN RADIO-**  
2 **ACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT**

3 **SEC. 701. TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY**  
4 **OF THE ARMY.**

5 (a) TRANSFER.—Effective at the expiration of the 3d  
6 calendar month beginning after the date of enactment of  
7 this Act, section 304 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of  
8 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10224) is amended to read as follows:

9 “ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
10 “SEC. 304. (a) TRANSFER.—The Office of Civilian  
11 Radioactive Waste Management (referred to in this sec-  
12 tion as the ‘office’) is terminated and the authority and  
13 assets of the office with respect to its activities under title  
14 I respecting a repository for radioactive waste and spent  
15 nuclear fuel is transferred to the Army Corps of Engineers  
16 (referred to in this section as the ‘Corps’). In connection  
17 with the transfer, the Corps shall assume all contracts and  
18 other obligations of the office with respect to the Yucca  
19 Mountain site and the permits from the State of Nevada  
20 for the site shall be reissued for the Corps.

21 “(b) YUCCA MOUNTAIN SITE.—The Corps shall re-  
22 view the characterization plan of, and the work under-  
23 taken by, the office for the Yucca Mountain site. Effective  
24 6 months after the transfer under subsection (a), the  
25 Corps shall prepare its own site characterization plan in

1 accordance with section 113. The plan shall be submitted  
2 to the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board for its re-  
3 view and comments. If the Yucca Mountain site is found  
4 to be suitable, the Corps shall be responsible for managing  
5 the design and construction of the site. Once completed,  
6 the site shall be operated by the Corps in accordance with  
7 this Act. The Corps shall provide benefits to the State of  
8 Nevada in accordance with subtitle F of title I.

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

12       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13           (1) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of con-  
14 tents in section 1 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act  
15 of 1982 (42 U.S.C. prec. 10101) is amended by  
16 striking the item relating to section 304 and insert-  
17 ing the following:

“Sec. 304. Army Corps of Engineers.”.

18           (2) REFERENCES TO THE SECRETARY OF  
19 ENERGY.—

20           (A) DEFINITION.—Section 2(20) of the  
21 Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.  
22 10101(20)) is amended by striking “Secretary  
23 of Energy” and inserting “Secretary of the  
24 Army”.

1           (B) SECTION 111.—Section 111(a)(5) of  
2           the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42  
3           U.S.C. 10131(a)(5)) is amended by striking  
4           “Secretary of Energy” and inserting “Sec-  
5           retary”.

6           (3) REFERENCES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
7           ENERGY.—

8           (A) DEFINITION.—Section 2(8) of the Nu-  
9           clear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.  
10          10101(8)) is amended by striking “Department  
11          of Energy” and inserting “Department of the  
12          Army”.

13          (B) NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW  
14          BOARD.—Section 502(b)(3)(C)(iii) of the Nu-  
15          clear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C.  
16          10262(b)(3)(C)(iii)) is amended to read as fol-  
17          lows:

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

20                 “(I) the Department of Defense;

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

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

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

5 (i) Section 136(f)(2).

6 (ii) Section 224(b).

7 (iii) Section 302(e)(2).

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

12 **SEC. 702. REAFFIRMATION OF OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT RA-**  
13 **DIOACTIVE WASTE AND SPENT NUCLEAR**  
14 **FUEL BY 1998.**

15 (a) FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.—

16 (1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

17 (A) the generation of electricity by nuclear  
18 reactors results in the production of spent nu-  
19 clear fuel;

20 (B) about 24,000 metric tons of spent nu-  
21 clear fuel have been produced by the Nation’s  
22 operating nuclear power plants, and an addi-  
23 tional 50,000 metric tons of spent nuclear fuel  
24 is expected to be produced during the terms of  
25 their current licenses;

1           (C) the vast majority of commercial spent  
2 nuclear fuel is currently stored in individual  
3 water-filled pools at reactor sites throughout  
4 the Nation;

5           (D) the storage pools for the temporary  
6 storage of spent nuclear fuel are nearing capac-  
7 ity at many of the reactor sites;

8           (E) since the beginning of the commercial  
9 nuclear power industry in the 1960's, the Fed-  
10 eral Government has had the responsibility to  
11 provide for the disposal of commercial spent nu-  
12 clear fuel;

13           (F) Congress enacted the Nuclear Waste  
14 Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10101 et seq.)  
15 in order to codify the Federal responsibility and  
16 policy to provide for the safe and timely dis-  
17 posal of spent nuclear fuel by establishing a  
18 schedule for the siting, construction, and oper-  
19 ation of deep geologic repositories, assigning the  
20 responsibility for implementation of the pro-  
21 gram to the Department of Energy, and estab-  
22 lishing the Nuclear Waste Fund to cover the  
23 costs of the Federal disposal program to be  
24 paid by utility ratepayers and owners;

1 (G) since the enactment of the Nuclear  
2 Waste Policy Act of 1982, utility ratepayers  
3 and owners have paid more than  
4 \$10,000,000,000 into the Nuclear Waste Fund;

5 (H) under the schedule established in the  
6 Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, the Depart-  
7 ment of Energy, in return for the payment of  
8 the fees by utility ratepayers and owners, is di-  
9 rected to dispose of spent nuclear fuel begin-  
10 ning not later than January 31, 1998;

11 (I) despite the 14 years that have passed  
12 since the enactment of the Nuclear Waste Pol-  
13 icy Act of 1982 and the expenditure of over  
14 \$4,000,000,000, the Department of Energy has  
15 fallen behind schedule, and the projected date  
16 for commencement of operation of a repository,  
17 under optimistic assumptions, is 2010;

18 (J) the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982  
19 currently prohibits the selection of a site for a  
20 monitored retrievable storage facility until a  
21 site for a permanent repository has been  
22 selected;

23 (K) the Federal Government, under the  
24 Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, has an abso-

1 lute obligation to accept spent nuclear fuel be-  
2 ginning not later than January 31, 1998; and

3 (L) the General Accounting Office and  
4 other technical experts have indicated that  
5 greater privatization would enhance cost  
6 efficiencies.

7 (2) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this section  
8 are—

9 (A) to ensure that the Secretary of the  
10 Army fulfills what was formerly the responsibil-  
11 ity of the Secretary of Energy to site, construct,  
12 and operate temporary and permanent nuclear  
13 waste disposal facilities in a safe and timely  
14 manner; and

15 (B) to reaffirm the obligation of the Fed-  
16 eral Government under the Nuclear Waste Pol-  
17 icy Act of 1982 to provide for the safe disposal  
18 of spent nuclear fuel beginning not later than  
19 January 31, 1998.

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

24 “(7) The obligation of the Secretary under paragraph  
25 (5) to accept high-level radioactive waste and spent nu-

1 clear fuel beginning not later than January 31, 1998, is  
2 absolute and is not dependent on the commencement of  
3 operation of a repository or a monitored retrievable stor-  
4 age facility. That obligation shall not be voided or delayed  
5 for any reason.”.

6 (c) SITING OF MONITORED RETRIEVABLE STORAGE  
7 FACILITY.—

8 (1) REPEAL OF SITE SELECTION LIMITATION.—

9 Section 145 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of  
10 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10165) is amended by striking sub-  
11 section (b).

12 (2) REPEAL OF LICENSING CONDITIONS.—Sec-  
13 tion 148 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982  
14 (42 U.S.C. 10168) is amended by striking sub-  
15 section (d).

16 **SEC. 703. INITIAL STORAGE FACILITY.**

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

25 (b) EXPANSION.—

1           (1) OPERATION CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT  
2           LAW.—The initial storage facility shall be expand-  
3           able for the subsequent transportation and interim  
4           storage of up to 100,000 metric tons of uranium  
5           and shall be operational in the 1998 timeframe, con-  
6           sistent with sections 135(a) (4), 137(a), 141(a), and  
7           148 (a), (b), and (c) of the Nuclear Waste Policy  
8           Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10155 (4), 10157(a),  
9           10161(a), 10168 (a), (b), (c)).

10           (2) REPEALS.—Sections 131 (a)(3) and (b)(2),  
11           135(a) (1) and (2), 135 (d) and (e), 141(g), 145,  
12           146, and 148(d) (1), (3), and (4) of the Nuclear  
13           Waste Policy Act of 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10151 (a)(3),  
14           (b)(2), 10155 (a)(1), (2), (d), 10161(g), 10165,  
15           10168(d) (1), (3), (4)) are repealed.

16           (c) REVIEW OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of the  
17           Army shall review the activities of the initial storage facil-  
18           ity program, including all cooperative agreements, inter-  
19           national commitments, and university assistance, and  
20           shall make available to those entities amounts, that are  
21           commensurate with the revised program for nuclear waste  
22           disposal activities.

23           (d) PROGRAM PLAN AND SCHEDULE.—The Secretary  
24           of the Army shall submit to the Congress within 90 days  
25           a revised program plan and schedule, including a new 5-

1 year budget, that addresses the construction and operation  
2 of the interim storage capability, the revised site charac-  
3 terization program at the Yucca Mountain site, and the  
4 results of the Secretary's review of the program's institu-  
5 tional activities.

6 (e) GAO REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the  
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
8 of the United States shall conduct a study and submit to  
9 Congress a report on the extent to which the management  
10 of civilian radioactive waste by the private sector might  
11 result in cost efficiencies and the means by which the re-  
12 sponsibility for performing management of civilian radio-  
13 active waste may be transferred to the private sector.

## 14 **TITLE VIII—MISCELLANEOUS** 15 **PROVISIONS**

### 16 **SEC. 801. REFERENCES.**

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

21 (1) to the Secretary of Energy or an officer of  
22 the Department of Energy, is deemed to refer to the  
23 head of the department or office to which such func-  
24 tion is transferred; or

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

4 **SEC. 802. EXERCISE OF AUTHORITIES.**

5           Except as otherwise provided by law, a Federal offi-  
6           cial to whom a function is transferred by this Act may,  
7           for purposes of performing the function, exercise all au-  
8           thorities under any other provision of law that were avail-  
9           able with respect to the performance of that function to  
10          the official responsible for the performance of the function  
11          immediately before the effective date of the transfer of the  
12          function under this Act.

13 **SEC. 803. SAVINGS PROVISIONS.**

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

17                 (1) that have been issued, made, granted, or al-  
18                 lowed to become effective by the President, the Sec-  
19                 retary of Energy, any officer or employee of any of-  
20                 fice transferred by this Act, or any other Govern-  
21                 ment official, or by a court of competent jurisdic-  
22                 tion, in the performance of any function that is  
23                 transferred by this Act, and

24                 (2) that are in effect on the effective date of  
25                 such transfer (or become effective after such date

1       pursuant to their terms as in effect on such effective  
2       date),  
3 shall continue in effect according to their terms until  
4 modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked in  
5 accordance with law by the President, any other author-  
6 ized official, a court of competent jurisdiction, or operation  
7 of law.

8       (b) PROCEEDINGS.—This Act shall not affect any  
9 proceedings or any application for any benefits, service,  
10 license, permit, certificate, or financial assistance pending  
11 on the date of the enactment of this Act before an office  
12 transferred by this Act, but such proceedings and applica-  
13 tions shall be continued. Orders shall be issued in such  
14 proceedings, appeals shall be taken therefrom, and pay-  
15 ments shall be made pursuant to such orders, as if this  
16 Act had not been enacted, and orders issued in any such  
17 proceeding shall continue in effect until modified, termi-  
18 nated, superseded, or revoked by a duly authorized official,  
19 by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of  
20 law. Nothing in this subsection shall be considered to pro-  
21 hibit the discontinuance or modification of any such pro-  
22 ceeding under the same terms and conditions and to the  
23 same extent that such proceeding could have been discon-  
24 tinued or modified if this Act had not been enacted.

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

6 (d) NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.—No suit, action,  
7 or other proceeding commenced by or against the Depart-  
8 ment of Energy or the Secretary of Energy, or by or  
9 against any individual in the official capacity of such indi-  
10 vidual as an officer or employee of an office transferred  
11 by this Act, shall abate by reason of the enactment of this  
12 Act.

13 (e) CONTINUANCE OF SUITS.—If any officer of the  
14 Department of Energy or the Energy Programs Resolu-  
15 tion Agency in the official capacity of such officer is party  
16 to a suit with respect to a function of the officer, and  
17 under this Act such function is transferred to any other  
18 officer or office, then such suit shall be continued with  
19 the other officer or the head of such other office, as appli-  
20 cable, substituted or added as a party.

21 **SEC. 804. TRANSFER OF ASSETS.**

22 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, so much  
23 of the personnel, property, records, and unexpended bal-  
24 ances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds em-  
25 ployed, used, held, available, or to be made available in

1 connection with a function transferred to an official by  
2 this Act shall be available to the official at such time or  
3 times as the Director of the Office of Management and  
4 Budget directs for use in connection with the functions  
5 transferred.

6 **SEC. 805. DELEGATION AND ASSIGNMENT.**

7       Except as otherwise expressly prohibited by law or  
8 otherwise provided in this Act, an official to whom func-  
9 tions are transferred under this Act (including the head  
10 of any office to which functions are transferred under this  
11 Act) may delegate any of the functions so transferred to  
12 such officers and employees of the office of the official as  
13 the official may designate, and may authorize successive  
14 redelegations of such functions as may be necessary or ap-  
15 propriate. No delegation of functions under this section  
16 or under any other provision of this Act shall relieve the  
17 official to whom a function is transferred under this Act  
18 of responsibility for the administration of the function.

19 **SEC. 806. AUTHORITY OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND**  
20 **BUDGET WITH RESPECT TO FUNCTIONS**  
21 **TRANSFERRED.**

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

1           (b) INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS.—The Director of the  
2 Office of Management and Budget, at such time or times  
3 as the Director shall provide, may make such determina-  
4 tions as may be necessary with regard to the functions  
5 transferred by this Act, and to make such additional inci-  
6 dental dispositions of personnel, assets, liabilities, grants,  
7 contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of  
8 appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other  
9 funds held, used, arising from, available to, or to be made  
10 available in connection with such functions, as may be nec-  
11 essary to carry out the provisions of this Act. The Director  
12 of the Office of Management and Budget shall provide for  
13 the termination of the affairs of all entities terminated by  
14 this Act and for such further measures and dispositions  
15 as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Act.

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

17           Not later than one year after the date of the enact-  
18 ment of this Act, the Director of the Office of Manage-  
19 ment and Budget shall submit to the Congress a descrip-  
20 tion of any changes in Federal law necessary to reflect  
21 abolishments, transfers, terminations, and disposals under  
22 this Act.

1 **SEC. 808. CERTAIN VESTING OF FUNCTIONS CONSIDERED**  
2 **TRANSFER.**

3 For purposes of this title, the vesting of a function  
4 in a department or office pursuant to reestablishment of  
5 an office shall be considered to be the transfer of the func-  
6 tion.

7 **SEC. 809. DEFINITIONS.**

8 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, for purposes  
9 of this Act the following definitions apply:

10 (1) **ADMINISTRATOR.**—The term “Adminis-  
11 trator” means the Administrator of the Energy Pro-  
12 grams Resolution Agency.

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

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

18 (4) **OFFICE.**—The term “office” includes any  
19 office, administration, agency, institute, council,  
20 unit, organizational entity, or component thereof.

21 (5) **TERMINATION DATE.**—The term “termi-  
22 nation date” means the termination date under sec-  
23 tion 106(d).

24 (6) **WIND-UP PERIOD.**—The term “wind-up pe-  
25 riod” means the period beginning on the effective

- 1 date specified in section 109(a) and ending on the
- 2 termination date.

○