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H. R. 1694

To require the President to issue guidance on Federal response to a large-scale nuclear disaster.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ENGEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Nuclear Disaster Pre-
5 paredness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO A NUCLEAR DIS-**

7 **ASTER.**

8 (a) **ISSUANCE.**—Not later than 180 days after the
9 date of enactment of this Act, the President, in consulta-
10 tion with the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of De-

1 fense, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection
2 Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Sec-
3 retary of Homeland Security, and the Administrator of the
4 Federal Emergency Management Agency, shall issue guid-
5 ance on Federal response to nuclear disasters described
6 in subsection (b).

7 (b) NUCLEAR DISASTERS DESCRIBED.—The guid-
8 ance issued pursuant to subsection (a) shall be with re-
9 spect to any nuclear disaster that—

10 (1) may be caused by a natural catastrophe, an
11 accident, or a terrorist or other attack;

12 (2) occurs initially at a nuclear power plant;
13 and

14 (3) disperses radiation off the reactor site and
15 into the surrounding area.

16 (c) GUIDANCE.—The guidance issued pursuant to
17 subsection (a) shall—

18 (1) designate the Federal agency that is respon-
19 sible for coordinating the Federal Government’s ef-
20 forts in response to a nuclear disaster (in this Act
21 referred to as the “Coordinating Agency”), including
22 making a formal declaration that a nuclear disaster
23 exists;

1 (2) identify the circumstances under which a
2 formal declaration described in paragraph (1) will
3 occur;

4 (3) designate the Federal agency that is respon-
5 sible for recommending to the Coordinating Agency
6 the evacuation of an area surrounding a nuclear
7 power plant in response to a nuclear disaster;

8 (4) identify the circumstances under which a
9 recommendation described in paragraph (3) will be
10 made;

11 (5) designate the Federal agency that is respon-
12 sible for conducting an evacuation described in para-
13 graph (3) when directed to do so by the Coordi-
14 nating Agency;

15 (6) designate the Federal agency that is respon-
16 sible for recommending to the Coordinating Agency
17 that evacuees may return following a nuclear dis-
18 aster;

19 (7) identify the circumstances under which a
20 recommendation described in paragraph (6) will be
21 made;

22 (8) identify what cleanup standards will apply
23 for a nuclear disaster;

24 (9) designate the Federal agency that is respon-
25 sible for conducting cleanup of a nuclear disaster

1 when directed to do so by the Coordinating Agency;
2 and

3 (10) identify any other roles and responsibilities
4 of any Federal agency involved in the response effort
5 to a nuclear disaster.

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