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H. R. 2995

To amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 to prioritize the acceptance of high-level radioactive waste or spent nuclear fuel from certain civilian nuclear power reactors, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2019

Mr. LEVIN of California (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PORTER, Mr. ROUDA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. DAVIS of California, and Ms. BONAMICI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Spent Fuel Prioritiza-
5 tion Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE PRIORITY FOR HIGH-LEVEL RADIO-**
2 **ACTIVE WASTE AND SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.**

3 Section 302(a) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of
4 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10222(a)) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(7) In determining the order in which the Secretary
7 will accept high-level radioactive waste or spent nuclear
8 fuel for disposal or storage, the Secretary shall prioritize
9 waste or spent fuel from a civilian nuclear power reactor
10 based on the operating status of the reactor, the popu-
11 lation of the area in which the reactor is located, and the
12 earthquake hazard of the area in which the reactor is lo-
13 cated, giving highest priority to a reactor that is—

14 “(A) decommissioned or decommissioning;

15 “(B) located in an area, as determined by the
16 Secretary, the population of which is the largest; and

17 “(C) located in an area with the highest hazard
18 of an earthquake, as indicated by the Seismic Haz-
19 ard Maps published by the Director of the United
20 States Geological Survey pursuant to section
21 5(b)(3)(J) of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction
22 Act of 1977.”.

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