

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7172

To direct the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to promulgate regulations prohibiting the issuance of certain certificates and licenses without a finding that a certain system or facility can safely operate with spent nuclear fuel for a period of at least 100 years, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2024

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL) 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 “100 Year Canister Life
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL DRY CASK SAFETY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months after
3 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall
4 promulgate final regulations, after providing notice and
5 opportunity for public comment, prohibiting any Certifi-
6 cate of Compliance for a cask for a spent nuclear fuel dry
7 storage system, or any specific license for a cask for a
8 spent nuclear fuel dry storage facility, to be issued or re-
9 newed by the Commission without a finding that such sys-
10 tem or facility can safely operate with spent nuclear fuel
11 for a period of at least 100 years.

12 (b) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Nothing in this section shall
13 be construed to require the Commission to change the
14 term of an initial license, or a renewal of a license, issued
15 under part 72 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations
16 (or any successor regulations).

17 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) CASK.—The term “cask” has the meaning
19 given such term in section 72.3 of title 10, Code of
20 Federal Regulations (or any successor regulations).

21 (2) CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE.—The term
22 “Certificate of Compliance” has the meaning given
23 such term in section 72.3 of title 10, Code of Fed-
24 eral Regulations (or any successor regulations).

25 (3) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
26 means the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

1 (4) SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.—The term “spent
2 nuclear fuel” has the meaning given such term in
3 section 72.3 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations
4 (or any successor regulations).

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