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10 USC
prec. 6101, 6137.

3113 shall be executed with respect to section 6131 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

(D) The amendment to subtitle A of title XLII of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2521 et seq.) made by section 3113 shall be executed with respect to subchapter I of chapter 602 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

(E) The amendment to section 4510 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2661) made by section 3114 shall be executed with respect to section 6227 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

(F) The amendment to section 4601 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2701) made by section 3115 shall be executed with respect to section 6241 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

(G) The amendment to section 4713 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2753) made by section 3116 shall be executed with respect to section 6284 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

10 USC
prec. 6101, 6340.

(H) The amendment to subtitle B of title XLVIII of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2791 et seq.) made by section 3117 shall be executed with respect to subchapter II of chapter 608 of 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a).

(2) AMENDMENTS TO CONFORM WITH UNITED STATES CODE.—Subpart B of part VI of subtitle A of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), is amended as follows:

*(A) By striking any heading within a section that is not a section heading or a subsection heading.

** (B) By conforming the margins to the margins used for subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, clauses, subclauses, items, and subitems, in section 179 of title 10, United States Code, including with respect to the use of inline subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, clauses, subclauses, items, and subitems, as appropriate.

10 USC note
prec. 6101.

(e) SAVINGS PROVISION.—All orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, contracts, or other exercise of the authority of the Secretary of Energy or the Administrator for Nuclear Security under the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) made before the date of the enactment of this Act and effective as of such date shall continue in effect as if such authority was exercised under subpart B of part VI of subtitle A of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), until modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked in accordance with law by the President, the Secretary, the Administrator, any other authorized official, a court of competent jurisdiction, or operation of law.

10 USC 6128.

SEC. 3112. PLUTONIUM PIT PRODUCTION CAPACITY.

Section 4219 of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2538a) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (f), (g), and (h) as subsections (g), (i), and (h), respectively;

(2) by moving subsection (i), as so redesignated, so as to appear after subsection (h), as so redesignated;

(3) in subsection (i), as so redesignated, by striking “this subsection” and inserting “this section”; and

*Note: Classifications for SEC. 3111(d)(2)(A): 10 USC 6104, 6105, 6126, 6128, 6133, 6135, 6153, 6155, 6156, 6161, 6177, 6222, 6228, 6272, 6276, 6277, 6281, 6282, 6284, 6288, 6289, 6311, 6324, 6325, 6327, 6328, 6336, 6362.

**Note: Classifications for SEC. 3111(d)(2)(B): 10 USC 6103–6105, 6114, 6120, 6122, 6125, 6126, 6128, 6133–6135, 6153, 6155, 6159–6161, 6173, 6177, 6180, 6202, 6222, 6224, 6225–6228, 6232, 6234, 6241–6243, 6252, 6253, 6261, 6263, 6264, 6266, 6272, 6276, 6277, 6281, 6282, 6284, 6288, 6289, 6311, 6321, 6324, 6325, 6328, 6336, 6337, 6351, 6354, 6356, 6362.

(4) by inserting after subsection (e) the following new subsection (f):

“(f) CAPACITY.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary of Energy shall—

“(1) ensure that Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico, has the capability to reliably produce no fewer than 30 war reserve plutonium pits annually; and

“(2) ensure that the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility at the Savannah River Site, Aiken, South Carolina, has the capability to reliably produce no fewer than 50 war reserve plutonium pits annually.”.

New Mexico.

South Carolina.

SEC. 3113. STOCKPILE RESPONSIVENESS AND RAPID CAPABILITIES PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subtitle A of title XLII of the Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2521 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 4220(c)—

10 USC 6131.

(A) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking “Periodically” and inserting “Continually”; and

(ii) by inserting “integrated system demonstrations,” after “flight testing,”; and

(B) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking “Shorten” and inserting “Develop technologies for transition to a nuclear stockpile life extension program or new nuclear weapon program project that have the potential to reduce”; and

(ii) by striking “and timelines to minimize” and all that follows through the end of the paragraph and inserting “cost and schedule”; and

(2) by adding at the end of the following new section:

“SEC. 4225. RAPID CAPABILITIES PROGRAM.

10 USC
prec. 6101, 6137.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy, acting through the Administrator and in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall carry out a program (to be known as the ‘rapid capabilities program’) to develop new nuclear weapons or modified nuclear weapons that meet military requirements.

“(b) OBJECTIVES.—The program under subsection (a) shall have the following objectives:

“(1) Identify and assess potential design concepts for rapid development feasibility.

“(2) Carry out projects with the goal of achieving first production unit within 5 years of project initiation.

“(3) Utilize non-traditional approaches, system-specific requirements, and tailored risk-acceptance processes to favorably balance cost, schedule, and capability.

“(4) Maximize reuse of existing components, non-serial manufacturing, and limited production quantities.

“(5) Minimize disruption to other major nuclear weapons stockpile modernization programs.

“(6) Develop institutional expertise within the nuclear security enterprise for rapid execution of all phases for the joint nuclear weapons life cycle process.

“(c) REQUIREMENTS ADVISORY BOARD.—In carrying out the objectives of the program under subsection (b), the Administrator shall establish an advisory board, which shall be responsible for

Establishment.