

## Union Calendar No. 262

104TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 2967

[Report No. 104-536]

To extend the authorization of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978, and for other purposes.

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### IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 1996

Mr. SCHAEFER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

APRIL 24, 1996

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. URANIUM MILL TAILINGS RADIATION CON-**  
2 **TROL ACT EXTENSION.**

3 Section 112(a) of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radi-  
4 ation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7922(a)) is amended  
5 by striking “1996” and inserting “1998”.

6 **SECTION 1. REFERENCE.**

7 *Whenever in this Act (other than in section 3) an*  
8 *amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amend-*  
9 *ment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the ref-*  
10 *erence shall be considered to be made to a section or other*  
11 *provision of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control*  
12 *Act of 1978.*

13 **SEC. 2. TERMINATION; AUTHORIZATION.**

14 Section 112(a) (42 U.S.C. 7922(a)) is amended to read  
15 as follows:

16 “(a)(1) *The authority of the Secretary to perform re-*  
17 *medial action under this title shall terminate on September*  
18 *30, 1998, except that—*

19 “(A) *the authority of the Secretary to perform*  
20 *groundwater restoration activities under this title is*  
21 *without limitation, and*

22 “(B) *the Secretary may continue operation of the*  
23 *disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado (known as the*  
24 *Cheney disposal cell) for receiving and disposing of*  
25 *residual radioactive material from processing sites*  
26 *and of byproduct material from property in the vicin-*

1 *ity of the uranium milling site located in Monticello,*  
2 *Utah, until the Cheney disposal cell has been filled to*  
3 *the capacity for which it was designed, or September*  
4 *30, 2023, whichever comes first.*

5 *“(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘byprod-*  
6 *uct material’ has the meaning given that term in section*  
7 *11e.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C.*  
8 *2014(e)(2)).”.*

9 **SEC. 3. REMEDIAL ACTION AT ACTIVE PROCESSING SITES.**

10 *(a) SECTION 1001.—Section 1001 of the Energy Policy*  
11 *Act of 1992 (42 U.S.C. 2296a) is amended—*

12 *(1) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking “\$5.50”*  
13 *and inserting “\$6.25”;*

14 *(2) in subsection (b)(2)(B), by striking*  
15 *“\$270,000,000” and inserting “\$350,000,000”;*

16 *(3) in subsection (b)(2)(C), by striking*  
17 *“\$40,000,000” and inserting “\$65,000,000”;*

18 *(4) in subsection (b)(2)(E)(i), by striking*  
19 *“\$5.50” and inserting “\$6.25”; and*

20 *(5) in subsection (b)(2)(E)(ii), by striking*  
21 *“\$5.50” and inserting “\$6.25”.*

22 *(b) SECTION 1003.—Section 1003 of such Act (42*  
23 *U.S.C. 2296a-2) is amended by striking “\$310,000,000”*  
24 *and inserting “\$415,000,000”.*

1 **SEC. 4. REMEDIAL ACTION FOR THE DISPOSAL OF RADIO-**  
2 **ACTIVE MATERIALS.**

3 (a) SECTION 104.—Section 104(d) (42 U.S.C.  
4 4914(d)) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
5 “For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘site’ does not  
6 include any property described in section 101(6)(B) which  
7 is in a State which the Secretary has certified has a pro-  
8 gram which would achieve the purposes of this subsection.”.

9 (b) SECTION 108.—Section 108(a)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
10 7918(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
11 “Residual radioactive material from a processing site des-  
12 ignated under this title may be disposed of at a facility  
13 licensed under title II under the administrative and tech-  
14 nical requirements of such title. Disposal of such material  
15 at such a site in accordance with such requirements shall  
16 be considered to have been done in accordance with the ad-  
17 ministrative and technical requirements of this title.”

18 (c) SECTION 115.—Section 115(a) (42 U.S.C. 7925(a))  
19 is amended by adding at the end the following: “This sub-  
20 section does not prohibit the disposal of residual radioactive  
21 material from a processing site under this title at a site  
22 licensed under title II or the expenditure of funds under  
23 this title for such disposal.”.



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