

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year of 2013
H.R. 4310, Section 3151

SEC. 3151. REPORT ON ABANDONED URANIUM MINES.

(a) Report-

(1) **IN GENERAL-** The Secretary of Energy, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall undertake a review of, and prepare a report on, abandoned uranium mines in the United States that provided uranium ore for atomic energy defense activities of the United States.

(2) **MATTERS TO BE ADDRESSED-** The report shall describe and analyze—

(A) the location of the abandoned uranium mines described in paragraph (1) on Federal, State, tribal, and private land, taking into account any existing inventories undertaken by Federal agencies, States, and Indian tribes, and any additional information available to the Secretary;

(B) the extent to which the abandoned uranium mines--

(i) pose, or may pose, a significant radiation hazard or other significant threat to public health and safety; and

(ii) have caused, or may cause, significant water quality degradation or other environmental degradation;

(C) a ranking of priority by category for the remediation and reclamation of the abandoned uranium mines;

(D) the potential cost and feasibility of remediating and reclaiming, in accordance with applicable Federal law, each category of abandoned uranium mines; and

(E) the status of any efforts to remediate and reclaim abandoned uranium mines.

(b) **Consultation-** In preparing the report under subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult with any other relevant Federal agencies, affected States and Indian tribes, and interested members of the public.

(c) **Report to Congress-**

(1) **IN GENERAL-** Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the

appropriate congressional committees the report under subsection (a)(1).

(2) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES

DEFINED- In this subsection, the term `appropriate congressional committees' means–

(A) the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and

(B) the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives.

(d) Construction- Nothing in this section may be construed to affect any responsibility or liability of the Federal Government, a State, an Indian tribe, or a person with respect to the remediation of an abandoned uranium mine.