

cluding the extension of the effective life of such weapons. The program shall have the following objectives:

- (1) To increase the reliability, safety, and security of the nuclear weapons stockpile of the United States.
- (2) To further reduce the likelihood of the resumption of underground nuclear weapons testing.
- (3) To achieve reductions in the future size of the nuclear weapons stockpile.
- (4) To reduce the risk of an accidental detonation of an element of the stockpile.
- (5) To reduce the risk of an element of the stockpile being used by a person or entity hostile to the United States, its vital interests, or its allies.

(b) Program limitations

In carrying out the stockpile management program under subsection (a), the Secretary of Energy shall ensure that—

- (1) any changes made to the stockpile shall be made to achieve the objectives identified in subsection (a); and
- (2) any such changes made to the stockpile shall—
 - (A) remain consistent with basic design parameters by including, to the maximum extent feasible, components that are well understood or are certifiable without the need to resume underground nuclear weapons testing; and
 - (B) use the design, certification, and production expertise resident in the nuclear security enterprise to fulfill current mission requirements of the existing stockpile.

(c) Program budget

In accordance with the requirements under section 2529 of this title, for each budget submitted by the President to Congress under section 1105 of title 31, the amounts requested for the program under this section shall be clearly identified in the budget justification materials submitted to Congress in support of that budget.

(Pub. L. 107-314, div. D, title XLII, § 4204, formerly Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXI, § 3133, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 926; renumbered Pub. L. 107-314, div. D, title XLII, § 4204, and amended Pub. L. 108-136, div. C, title XXXI, §§ 3111, 3141(e)(5), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1743, 1758; Pub. L. 111-84, div. C, title XXXI, § 3113(a)(2), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2704; Pub. L. 112-239, div. C, title XXXI, § 3133(d), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2192; Pub. L. 113-66, div. C, title XXXI, § 3146(c)(2), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 1073.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 2121 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 108-136.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-66 struck out “for Nuclear Security” after “Administrator” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 112-239, § 3133(d)(1), substituted “nuclear security enterprise” for “nuclear complex”.

Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 112-239, § 3133(d)(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (e) as (c) and struck out former sub-

secs. (c) and (d), which related, respectively, to program plan and annual updates.

2009—Pub. L. 111-84 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to the nuclear weapons stockpile life extension program.

2003—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-136, § 3111, struck out subsec. (c), which related to a plan for the extension of the effective life of the weapons in the nuclear weapons stockpile.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 108-136, § 3141(e)(5)(D), substituted “October 5, 1999” for “the date of the enactment of this Act”.

Subsecs. (d) to (f). Pub. L. 108-136, § 3111, struck out subsecs. (d) to (f). Prior to amendment, subsec. (d) required submittal to committees of the House and Senate of a plan for the extension of the effective life of the weapons in the nuclear weapons stockpile and annual updates of the plan, subsec. (e) required a GAO assessment of the plan and updates, and subsec. (f) stated the sense of Congress regarding funding of the program under subsec. (a).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-136, div. C, title XXXI, § 3111, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1743, provided that the amendment made by section 3111 is effective December 31, 2004.

§ 2524a. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-84, div. C, title XXXI, § 3113(a)(1), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2704

Section, Pub. L. 107-314, div. D, title XLII, § 4204A, formerly § 4204a, as added Pub. L. 109-163, div. C, title XXXI, § 3111(a), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3539; renumbered § 4204A, Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXI, § 3117(1), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 578, related to the Reliable Replacement Warhead program.

§ 2525. Annual assessments and reports to the President and Congress regarding the condition of the United States nuclear weapons stockpile

(a) Annual assessments required

For each nuclear weapon type in the stockpile of the United States, each official specified in subsection (b) on an annual basis shall, to the extent such official is directly responsible for the safety, reliability, performance, or military effectiveness of that nuclear weapon type, complete an assessment of the safety, reliability, performance, or military effectiveness (as the case may be) of that nuclear weapon type.

(b) Covered officials

The officials referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

- (1) The head of each national security laboratory.
- (2) The Commander of the United States Strategic Command.

(c) Dual validation teams in support of assessments

In support of the assessments required by subsection (a), the Administrator may establish teams, known as “dual validation teams”, to provide each national security laboratory responsible for weapons design with independent evaluations of the condition of each warhead for which such laboratory has lead responsibility. A dual validation team established by the Administrator shall—

- (1) be comprised of weapons experts from the laboratory that does not have lead responsibility for fielding the warhead being evaluated;
- (2) have access to all surveillance and underground test data for all stockpile systems for use in the independent evaluations;