

level required for each portion of such submittal marked appropriately.

(h) Definition

In this section, the term “Secretary concerned” means—

(1) the Secretary of Energy, with respect to matters concerning the Department of Energy; and

(2) the Secretary of Defense, with respect to matters concerning the Department of Defense.

(Pub. L. 107-314, div. D, title XLII, § 4205, formerly div. C, title XXXI, § 3141, Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2730; renumbered div. D, title XLII, § 4205, and amended Pub. L. 108-136, div. C, title XXXI, § 3141(e)(6), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1759; Pub. L. 111-84, div. C, title XXXI, § 3114(a)(2)-(d), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2706, 2707; Pub. L. 112-239, div. C, title XXXI, § 3131(c), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2180; Pub. L. 113-66, div. C, title XXXI, §§ 3122, 3146(c)(3), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 1061, 1074; Pub. L. 113-291, div. C, title XXXI, § 3142(d), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3900; Pub. L. 114-92, div. C, title XXXI, § 3112(d), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 1191.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 7274s of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 108-136.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (e)(4)(C). Pub. L. 114-92 added subpar. (C).

2014—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 113-291 substituted “Commander” for “commander”.

2013—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-66, § 3146(c)(3)(A), struck out “for Nuclear Security” before “may establish teams,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (e)(3)(E). Pub. L. 113-66, § 3122(a)(1), added subpar. (E).

Subsec. (e)(4). Pub. L. 113-66, § 3122(a)(2), amended par. (4) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (4) read as follows: “In the case of a report submitted by the Commander of the United States Strategic Command, a discussion of the relative merits of other nuclear weapon types (if any), or compensatory measures (if any) that could be taken, that could enable accomplishment of the missions of the nuclear weapon types to which the assessments relate, should such assessments identify any deficiency with respect to such nuclear weapon types.”

Subsec. (f)(1). Pub. L. 113-66, § 3122(b)(1), substituted “February 1” for “March 1” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (f)(3). Pub. L. 113-66, § 3122(b)(2), added par. (3).

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 113-66, § 3146(c)(3)(B), in heading, substituted “Definition” for “Definitions” and, in text, substituted “section, the term” for “section:”, struck out par. (1) which defined “national security laboratory”, struck out par. (2) designation and “The term” before “Secretary concerned”, redesignated subpars. (A) and (B) of former par. (2) as pars. (1) and (2), respectively, and realigned margins.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 112-239 struck out subsec. (i) which related to first submissions under subsecs. (e) and (f).

2009—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(a)(2)(B), added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(a)(2)(A), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (e).

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(b), inserted “both” after “review” and “and any independent evaluations conducted by a dual validation team under subsection (c)” after “that laboratory”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(a)(2)(A), redesignated subsec. (d) as (e). Former subsec. (e) redesignated (f).

Subsec. (e)(3)(C). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(d)(1), substituted “subsection (d)” for “subsection (c)”.

Subsec. (e)(3)(D). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(c), added subpar. (D).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(a)(2)(A), redesignated subsec. (e) as (f). Former subsec. (f) redesignated (g).

Subsec. (f)(1)(A). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(d)(2), substituted “subsection (e)” for “subsection (d)”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(d)(3), substituted “subsection (f)” for “subsection (e)”.

Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(a)(2)(A), redesignated subsec. (f) as (g). Former subsec. (g) redesignated (h).

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(a)(2)(A), redesignated subsec. (g) as (h). Former subsec. (h) redesignated (i).

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(a)(2)(A), redesignated subsec. (h) as (i).

Subsec. (i)(1). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(d)(4)(A), substituted “subsection (e)” for “subsection (d)”.

Subsec. (i)(2). Pub. L. 111-84, § 3114(d)(4)(B), substituted “subsection (f)” for “subsection (e)”.

2003—Subsec. (d)(3)(B). Pub. L. 108-136, § 3141(e)(6)(D), substituted “section 2532 of this title” for “section 3137 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (42 U.S.C. 2121 note)”.

§ 2526. Form of certifications regarding the safety or reliability of the nuclear weapons stockpile

Any certification submitted to the President by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Energy regarding confidence in the safety or reliability of a nuclear weapon type in the United States nuclear weapons stockpile shall be submitted in classified form only.

(Pub. L. 107-314, div. D, title XLII, § 4206, formerly Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [div. C, title XXXI, § 3194], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-481; renumbered Pub. L. 107-314, div. D, title XLII, § 4206, by Pub. L. 108-136, div. C, title XXXI, § 3141(e)(7), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1759.)

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.

§ 2527. Nuclear test ban readiness program

(a) Establishment of program

The Secretary of Energy shall establish and support a program to assure that the United States is in a position to maintain the reliability, safety, and continued deterrent effect of its stockpile of existing nuclear weapons designs in the event that a low-threshold or comprehensive ban on nuclear explosives testing is negotiated and ratified within the framework agreed to by the United States and the Russian Federation.

(b) Purposes of program

The purposes of the program under subsection (a) shall be the following:

(1) To assure that the United States maintains a vigorous program of stockpile inspection and non-explosive testing so that, if a low-threshold or comprehensive test ban is entered into, the United States remains able to detect and identify potential problems in stockpile reliability and safety in existing designs of nuclear weapons.

(2) To assure that the specific materials, components, processes, and personnel needed for the remanufacture of existing nuclear weapons or the substitution of alternative nu-