

“(B) If the Secretary chooses to carry out the pilot program under subsection (a), a description of the plan to carry out such program.

“(C) If the Secretary chooses not to carry out the pilot program under subsection (a), a description of why the program will not be carried out.

“(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘appropriate congressional committees’ means the following:

“(A) The Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives.

“(B) The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives.

“(C) The Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

“(2) The term ‘national security laboratory’ has the meaning given that term in section 3281 of the National Nuclear Security Administration Act (50 U.S.C. 2471).”

### § 2795. University-based research collaboration program

#### (a) Findings

Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The maintenance of scientific and engineering competence in the United States is vital to long-term national security and the defense and national security missions of the Department of Energy.

(2) Engaging the universities and colleges of the Nation in research on long-range problems of vital national security interest will be critical to solving the technology challenges faced within the defense and national security programs of the Department of Energy in the next century.

(3) Enhancing collaboration among the national laboratories, universities and colleges, and industry will contribute significantly to the performance of these Department of Energy missions.

#### (b) Program

The Secretary of Energy shall establish a university program at a location that can develop the most effective collaboration among national laboratories, universities and colleges, and industry in support of scientific and engineering advancement in key Department of Energy defense and national security program areas.

(Pub. L. 107-314, div. D, title XLVIII, § 4814, formerly Pub. L. 105-85, div. C, title XXXI, § 3155, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2044; renumbered Pub. L. 107-314, div. D, title XLVIII, § 4814, and amended Pub. L. 108-136, div. C, title XXXI, § 3141(k)(9), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1785; Pub. L. 112-239, div. C, title XXXI, § 3131(y), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2185.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 7381 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 108-136.

#### AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-239 struck out subsec. (c). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Of the funds authorized to be appropriated in title XXXI of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85) to the Department of Energy for fiscal year 1998, the Secretary shall make \$5,000,000

available for the establishment and operation of the program under subsection (b).”

2003—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 108-136, § 3141(k)(9)(D), substituted “title XXXI of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 (Public Law 105-85)” for “this title”.

#### PART C—FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

### § 2811. Transfers of real property at certain Department of Energy facilities

#### (a) Transfer regulations

(1) The Secretary of Energy shall prescribe regulations for the transfer by sale or lease of real property at Department of Energy defense nuclear facilities for the purpose of permitting the economic development of the property.

(2) The Secretary may not transfer real property under the regulations prescribed under paragraph (1) until—

(A) the Secretary submits a notification of the proposed transfer to the congressional defense committees; and

(B) a period of 30 days has elapsed following the date on which the notification is submitted.

#### (b) Indemnification

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3) and subject to subsection (c), in the sale or lease of real property pursuant to the regulations prescribed under subsection (a), the Secretary may hold harmless and indemnify a person or entity described in paragraph (2) against any claim for injury to person or property that results from the release or threatened release of a hazardous substance or pollutant or contaminant as a result of Department of Energy activities at the defense nuclear facility on which the real property is located. Before entering into any agreement for such a sale or lease, the Secretary shall notify the person or entity that the Secretary has authority to provide indemnification to the person or entity under this subsection. The Secretary shall include in any agreement for such a sale or lease a provision stating whether indemnification is or is not provided.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies to the following persons and entities:

(A) Any State that acquires ownership or control of real property of a defense nuclear facility.

(B) Any political subdivision of a State that acquires such ownership or control.

(C) Any other person or entity that acquires such ownership or control.

(D) Any successor, assignee, transferee, lender, or lessee of a person or entity described in subparagraphs (A) through (C).

(3) To the extent the persons and entities described in paragraph (2) contributed to any such release or threatened release, paragraph (1) shall not apply.

#### (c) Conditions

(1) No indemnification on a claim for injury may be provided under this section unless the person or entity making a request for the indemnification—

(A) notifies the Secretary in writing within two years after such claim accrues;