

manner that advances and protects the national security of the United States.

**(b) Duties**

Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Administrator, the Principal Deputy Administrator shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Administrator may prescribe, including the coordination of activities among the elements of the Administration. The Principal Deputy Administrator shall act for, and exercise the powers of, the Administrator when the Administrator is disabled or the position of Administrator is vacant.

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3213, as added Pub. L. 107-107, div. C, title XXXI, § 3141(a)(2), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1370.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2403, Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3213, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 958; Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [div. C, title XXXI, § 3157], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-468, which related to status of Administration and contractor personnel within Department of Energy, was renumbered section 3220 of Pub. L. 106-65, by Pub. L. 107-107, div. C, title XXXI, § 3141(a)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1369, and transferred to section 2410 of this title.

**§ 2404. Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs**

**(a) In general**

There is in the Administration a Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, who is appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

**(b) Duties**

Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Administrator may prescribe, including the following:

- (1) Maintaining and enhancing the safety, reliability, and performance of the United States nuclear weapons stockpile, including the ability to design, produce, and test, in order to meet national security requirements.
- (2) Directing, managing, and overseeing the nuclear weapons production facilities and the national security laboratories.
- (3) Directing, managing, and overseeing assets to respond to incidents involving nuclear weapons and materials.

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3214, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 959; Pub. L. 107-107, div. C, title XXXI, § 3142, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1370.)

AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-107 struck out heading and text of subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “The head of each national security laboratory and nuclear weapons production facility shall, consistent with applicable contractual obligations, report to the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Mar. 1, 2000, see section 3299 of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as a note under section 2401 of this title.

**§ 2405. Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation**

**(a) In general**

There is in the Administration a Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, who is appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

**(b) Duties**

Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Administrator may prescribe, including the following:

- (1) Preventing the spread of materials, technology, and expertise relating to weapons of mass destruction.
- (2) Detecting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction worldwide.
- (3) Eliminating inventories of surplus fissile materials usable for nuclear weapons.
- (4) Providing for international nuclear safety.

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3215, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 959.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Mar. 1, 2000, see section 3299 of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as a note under section 2401 of this title.

**§ 2406. Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors**

**(a) In general**

(1) There is in the Administration a Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors. The director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program provided for under the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order shall serve as the Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors.

(2) Within the Department of Energy, the Deputy Administrator shall report to the Secretary of Energy through the Administrator and shall have direct access to the Secretary and other senior officials in the Department.

**(b) Duties**

The Deputy Administrator shall be assigned the responsibilities, authorities, and accountability for all functions of the Office of Naval Reactors under the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order.

**(c) Effect on Executive Order**

Except as otherwise specified in this section and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the provisions of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order remain in full force and effect until changed by law.

**(d) Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order**

As used in this section, the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order is Executive Order No. 12344, dated February 1, 1982 (42 U.S.C. 7158 note)<sup>1</sup> (as in force pursuant to section 1634 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Public Law 98-525; 42 U.S.C. 7158 note)).<sup>1</sup>

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3216, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 959.)

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.