

## S 2917

Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Energy

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**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (Nov 20, 2019)

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### Sponsor

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### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 20, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Energy

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2699	Identical bill	<b>Nov 20, 2019:</b> Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

## **Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 2019**

This bill addresses the storage and disposal of nuclear waste.

Among other things, the bill

- directs the Department of Energy (DOE) to initiate a program to consolidate and temporarily store commercial spent nuclear fuel during the development, construction, and operation of a permanent nuclear waste repository;
- addresses federal land withdrawal and related management issues, including the permanent withdrawal of specific federal land for repository use by DOE;
- updates the Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensing process and conditions for the permanent repository;
- limits activities relating to developing a separate defense waste repository used for storing high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel derived from the atomic energy defense activities of DOE;
- authorizes DOE to enter into agreements to provide benefits to state, local, and tribal governments that might host or be affected by facilities related to storing nuclear waste;
- revises the method by which DOE funds its nuclear waste management activities through the collection and usage of the Nuclear Waste Fund;
- creates an Office of Spent Nuclear Fuel within DOE; and
- requires DOE to establish a Stranded Nuclear Waste Task Force to study existing resources and funding for communities that contain stranded nuclear waste and develop economic adjustment plans for such communities.

### **Actions Timeline**

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