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authorizations of certain nuclear facilities.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CASTOR of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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Energy's authorizations of certain nuclear facilities.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Department of Energy  
5       Nuclear Transparency Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR DE-**  
7                       **PARTMENT OF ENERGY ACTIONS RELATING**  
8                       **TO CERTAIN NUCLEAR FACILITIES.**

9       (a) ALTERATIONS TO DIRECTIVES AND SAFETY  
10       STANDARDS.—

1           (1) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.—Not later than  
2       24 hours after altering a directive or safety standard  
3       relating to covered DOE nuclear facilities, the Sec-  
4       retary of Energy shall post, on a publicly accessible  
5       website of the Department of Energy, an announce-  
6       ment regarding such alteration.

7           (2) INCLUSION.—Each announcement under  
8       paragraph (1) shall include a summary of how the  
9       relevant directive or safety standard was altered.

10       (b) DOCUMENTED SAFETY ANALYSIS.—

11           (1) PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.—Not later than  
12       24 hours after issuing any preliminary documented  
13       safety analysis or documented safety analysis with  
14       respect to a covered DOE nuclear facility, the Sec-  
15       retary of Energy shall post, on a publicly accessible  
16       website of the Department of Energy, an announce-  
17       ment regarding the issuance of such preliminary  
18       documented safety analysis or documented safety  
19       analysis.

20           (2) INCLUSION.—

21           (A) ANALYSIS.—Subject to subparagraph  
22       (B), each announcement under paragraph (1)  
23       shall include the relevant preliminary docu-  
24       mented safety analysis or documented safety  
25       analysis.

1 (B) COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE INFORMA-  
2 TION.—The Secretary of Energy may modify a  
3 preliminary documented safety analysis or docu-  
4 mented safety analysis included in an an-  
5 nouncement under paragraph (1) only to ensure  
6 that such preliminary documented safety anal-  
7 ysis or documented safety analysis does not in-  
8 clude any commercially sensitive information.

9 (c) AUTHORIZATIONS.—Not later than 24 hours after  
10 entering into an agreement to authorize a covered DOE  
11 nuclear facility, the Secretary of Energy shall post, on a  
12 publicly accessible website of the Department of Energy,  
13 an announcement regarding such agreement, including in-  
14 formation regarding any conditions applying to such  
15 agreement.

16 (d) REPORT.—Not later than January 31 of each  
17 year, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to the Com-  
18 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
19 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural  
20 Resources of the Senate a report detailing any activities  
21 the Secretary of Energy took to authorize covered DOE  
22 nuclear facilities during the previous calendar year.

23 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) COVERED DOE NUCLEAR FACILITY.—The  
25 term “covered DOE nuclear facility” means any of

1 the Hazard Category 1, 2, and 3 DOE nuclear fa-  
2 cilities (as such term is defined in section 830.3(a)  
3 of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect  
4 on the date of enactment of this section)) that the  
5 Secretary of Energy holds authority over pursuant  
6 to section 110 a. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954  
7 (42 U.S.C. 2140(a)).

8 (2) DOCUMENTED SAFETY ANALYSIS; PRELIMI-  
9 NARY DOCUMENTED SAFETY ANALYSIS.—The terms  
10 “documented safety analysis” and “preliminary doc-  
11 umented safety analysis” have the meanings given  
12 such terms, respectively, in section 830.3(a) of title  
13 10, Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the  
14 date of enactment of this section).

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