

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 9198

To require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to utilize a risk-informed, performance-based licensing approach to the maximum extent practicable for the purpose of expediting the nuclear licensing process, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2024

Mr. DONALDS (for himself, Mr. NEHLS, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Maximize Risk-In-
5 formed, Performance-Based Licensing Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RISK-INFORMED, PERFORMANCE-BASED LICENS-**
2 **ING.**

3 (a) **DEFINITION OF TECHNOLOGY-INCLUSIVE REGU-**
4 **LATORY FRAMEWORK.**—Section 3(14) of the Nuclear En-
5 ergy Innovation and Modernization Act (42 U.S.C. 2215
6 note)—

7 (1) by striking “where appropriate” and insert-
8 ing “to the maximum extent practicable”; and

9 (2) by inserting “that are consistent with the
10 expectations, concepts, and definitions in the Staff
11 Requirements Memorandum from the Secretary of
12 the Commission to the Executive Director for Oper-
13 ations dated March 1, 1999, regarding ‘Staff Re-
14 quirements - SECY-98-144 - White Paper on Risk-
15 Informed and Performance-Based Regulation’ (here-
16 inafter referred to as ‘SRM-SECY-98-144’)” after
17 “risk-informed and performance-based techniques”.

18 (b) **ANNUAL TRAINING.**—Section 103(a)(2) of the
19 Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (42
20 U.S.C. 2133 note) is amended by inserting “, including
21 annual training on the expectations, concepts, and defini-
22 tions in SRM-SECY-98-144,” after “strategies”.

23 (c) **SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-
24 gress that it is important that the Nuclear Regulatory
25 Commission and the regulated community have a common
26 understanding of how risk-informed and performance-

- 1 based techniques are applied to Nuclear Regulatory Com-
- 2 mission rulemaking, licensing, inspection, assessment, en-
- 3 forcement, and other decision-making processes.

