

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3246
OFFERED BY MR. MEEKS OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sanction Russian Nu-
3 clear Safety Violators Act of 2024”.

4 SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

5 Congress makes the following findings:

6 (1) On February 24, 2022, the Government of
7 the Russian Federation, led by Vladimir Putin,
8 launched an unprovoked, full-scale invasion of
9 Ukraine.

10 (2) Russian forces have illegally occupied the
11 Zaporzhzhia nuclear power plant, the largest nuclear
12 power plant in Europe, and have placed Russian
13 military equipment within the power plant.

14 (3) Officials from the Russian Federations
15 State Atomic Energy Corporation “Rosatom” have
16 been present at the plant since March 2022 and
17 have requested information on confidential issues re-
18 garding the plant’s operations.

1 (4) The International Atomic Energy Associa-
2 tion “IAEA” has stated that the presence of
3 Rosatom officials is a significant safety concern and
4 could lead to technical interference in the plant’s op-
5 erations, and has found that the power plant has
6 structural damage in places due to shelling caused
7 by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

8 (5) The Director General has stated that failing
9 to demilitarize the Zaporzhzhia nuclear power plant
10 is “playing with fire”.

11 (6) In May 2023, Russia evacuated citizens
12 from the region around Zaporizhzhia, including per-
13 sonnel who operate the plant, further exacerbating
14 concerns about the plant’s stability and safety.

15 **SEC. 3. SANCTIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The President shall impose the
17 sanctions described in subsection (b) with respect to—

18 (1) each foreign individual who the President
19 determines has endangered the integrity, safety, or
20 undermined Ukrainian operational control of the
21 Zaporzhzhia Nuclear Power Station located in
22 southeastern Ukraine since the Russian Federation
23 launched an unprovoked, full-scale invasion of
24 Ukraine; and

1 (2) each foreign individual the President deter-
2 mines is a member of the supervisory board or man-
3 agement board of Rosatom.

4 (b) SANCTIONS DESCRIBED.—The sanctions de-
5 scribed in this subsection are the following:

6 (1) ASSET BLOCKING.—Notwithstanding the re-
7 quirements of section 202 of the International
8 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701),
9 the President may exercise of all powers granted to
10 the President by that Act to the extent necessary to
11 block and prohibit all transactions in all property
12 and interests in property of the foreign individual if
13 such property and interests in property are in the
14 United States, come within the United States, or are
15 or come within the possession or control of a United
16 States person.

17 (2) VISAS, ADMISSION, OR PAROLE.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—An alien who the Sec-
19 retary of State or the Secretary of Homeland
20 Security (or a designee of one of such Secre-
21 taries) knows, or has reason to believe, is de-
22 scribed in subsection (a) is—

23 (i) inadmissible to the United States;

24 (ii) ineligible for a visa or other docu-

25 mentation to enter the United States; and

1 (iii) otherwise ineligible to be admitted
2 or paroled into the United States or to re-
3 ceive any other benefit under the Immigra-
4 tion and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et
5 seq.).

6 (B) CURRENT VISAS REVOKED.—

7 (i) IN GENERAL.—The issuing con-
8 sular officer, the Secretary of State, or the
9 Secretary of Homeland Security (or a des-
10 ignee of one of such Secretaries) shall, in
11 accordance with section 221(i) of the Im-
12 migration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C.
13 1201(i)), revoke any visa or other entry
14 documentation issued to an alien described
15 in subparagraph (A) regardless of when
16 the visa or other entry documentation is
17 issued.

18 (ii) EFFECT OF REVOCATION.—A rev-
19 ocation under clause (i)—

20 (I) shall take effect immediately;

21 and

22 (II) shall automatically cancel
23 any other valid visa or entry docu-
24 mentation that is in the alien's pos-
25 session.

1 (c) EXCEPTIONS.—

2 (1) EXCEPTION TO COMPLY WITH INTER-
3 NATIONAL OBLIGATIONS.—Sanctions under sub-
4 section (b)(2) shall not apply with respect to the ad-
5 mission of an alien if admitting or paroling the alien
6 into the United States is necessary to permit the
7 United States to comply with the Agreement regard-
8 ing the Headquarters of the United Nations, signed
9 at Lake Success June 26, 1947, and entered into
10 force November 21, 1947, between the United Na-
11 tions and the United States, or other applicable
12 international obligations.

13 (2) EXCEPTION RELATING TO THE PROVISION
14 OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.—Sanctions under
15 this section may not be imposed with respect to
16 transactions or the facilitation of transactions for—

17 (A) the sale of agricultural commodities,
18 food, medicine, or medical devices;

19 (B) the provision of humanitarian assist-
20 ance;

21 (C) financial transactions relating to hu-
22 manitarian assistance; or

23 (D) transporting goods or services that are
24 necessary to carry out operations relating to
25 humanitarian assistance.

1 (3) EXCEPTION RELATED TO UKRAINIAN OPER-
2 ATIONAL CONTROL.—Sanctions under this section
3 shall not apply to any foreign individual seeking to
4 reestablish Ukrainian operational control of the
5 Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station or the sur-
6 rounding region.

7 (d) IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.—

8 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may ex-
9 ercise all authorities provided to the President under
10 sections 203 and 205 of the International Emer-
11 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and
12 1704) to carry out this Act.

13 (2) PENALTIES.—The penalties provided for in
14 subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the Inter-
15 national Emergency Economic Powers Act (50
16 U.S.C. 1705) shall apply to an individual that vio-
17 lates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or
18 causes a violation of regulations promulgated under
19 section 403(b) to carry out paragraph (1)(A) to the
20 same extent that such penalties apply to an indi-
21 vidual that commits an unlawful act described in
22 section 206(a) of that Act.

23 (e) WAIVER.—The President may waive the applica-
24 tion of sanctions imposed with respect to a foreign indi-
25 vidual under this section if the President certifies to the

1 appropriate congressional committees not later than 15
2 days before such waiver is to take effect that the waiver
3 is vital to the national security interests of the United
4 States.

5 (f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 (1) the term “appropriate congressional com-
7 mittees” means the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
8 the House of Representatives and the Committee on
9 Foreign Relations of the Senate;

10 (2) the term “foreign individual” means a nat-
11 ural person that is not a United States person; and

12 (3) the term “United States person” means—

13 (A) a United States citizen;

14 (B) a permanent resident alien of the
15 United States;

16 (C) an entity organized under the laws of
17 the United States or of any jurisdiction within
18 the United States, including a foreign branch of
19 such an entity; or

20 (D) any person in the United States.

