

June 25, 2018

TO: Members, Subcommittee on Environment  
FROM: Committee Majority Staff  
RE: Subcommittee Markup

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The Subcommittee on Environment will meet in open markup session on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building at 11:00 a.m. or 15 minutes after the conclusion the Subcommittee on Health markup, whichever is later, to consider the following:

- H.R. 2278; Responsible Disposal Reauthorization Act of 2017; and
- H.R. 2389, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, and for other purposes.

In keeping with Chairman Walden's announced policy, Members must submit any amendments they may have two hours before they are offered during this markup. Members may submit amendments by email to [peter.kielty@mail.house.gov](mailto:peter.kielty@mail.house.gov). Any information with respect to an amendment's parliamentary standing (e.g., its germaneness) should be submitted at this time as well.

## **II. EXPLANATION OF LEGISLATION**

### **A. H.R. 2278, Responsible Disposal Reauthorization Act of 2017**

H.R. 2278 amends the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Controls Act of 1978 to extend the authorization for the Secretary of Energy to continue the operation of the disposal site in Mesa County, Colorado (known as the Cheyney disposal cell) for receiving and disposing of residual radioactive material from processing sites and of byproduct material from property in the vicinity of the uranium milling site located in Monticello, Utah, from September 30, 2023 to September 30, 2048.

### **B. H.R. 2389, to reauthorize the West Valley demonstration project, and for other purposes**

H.R. 2389 amends section 3 of the West Valley Demonstration Project Act (WVDP) to authorize \$75 million for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2026 for a high level radioactive waste management demonstration project at the Western New York Service Center (Center) in West Valley, New York, as described in section 2(a) of the WVDP. The

legislation also directs that all radioactive waste at the Center shall be considered to be waste resulting from atomic energy defense activities, as defined in section 2 of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

The Subcommittee anticipates an amendment in the nature of a substitute will be offered to revise the fiscal years authorized for the project to fiscal years 2019 through 2028, to strike the provision on treating the waste as from atomic energy defense purposes, and to require information relating to disposal options for high-level radioactive waste and transuranic waste, including cost and timeline.

### **III. STAFF CONTACTS**

If you have any questions regarding this markup, please contact Mary Martin or Andy Zach of the Committee staff at (202) 225-2927.