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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2995

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LEVIN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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## A BILL

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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 “Spent Fuel  
5 Prioritization Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE PRIORITY FOR HIGH-LEVEL RADIO-**  
2 **ACTIVE WASTE AND SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.**

3 Section 302(a) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of  
4 1982 (42 U.S.C. 10222(a)) is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following:

6 “(7) In determining the order in which the Secretary  
7 will accept high-level radioactive waste or spent nuclear  
8 fuel for disposal or storage, the Secretary shall prioritize  
9 waste or spent fuel from a civilian nuclear power reactor  
10 based on the operating status of the reactor, the popu-  
11 lation of the area in which the reactor is located, and the  
12 earthquake hazard of the area in which the reactor is lo-  
13 cated, giving highest priority to a reactor that is—

14 “(A) decommissioned or decommissioning;

15 “(B) located in an area, as determined by the  
16 Secretary, the population of which is the largest; and

17 “(C) located in an area with the highest hazard  
18 of an earthquake, as indicated by the Seismic Haz-  
19 ard Maps published by the Director of the United  
20 States Geological Survey pursuant to section  
21 5(b)(3)(J) of the Earthquake Hazards Reduction  
22 Act of 1977.”.