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H. R. 4189

To direct the Secretary of Energy to provide for the re-enrichment of certain uranium tailings, and the sale of the product of such re-enrichment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 14, 2007

Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself and Mrs. SCHMIDT) 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. RE-ENRICHMENT REQUIREMENT.**

4 (a) CONTRACT.—Not later than 90 days after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Energy
6 shall enter into a contract with the operator of the Padu-
7 cah Gaseous Diffusion Facility for the transfer from the
8 Department of Energy's enrichment facility at Piketon,

1 Ohio, to the Paducah facility of cylinders of uranium
2 tailings with an assay of such value as the Secretary finds
3 economically suitable for re-enrichment.

4 (b) RE-ENRICHMENT.—The contract entered into
5 under subsection (a) shall provide for the re-enrichment
6 at the Paducah facility of the materials in the cylinders
7 described in subsection (a) and in similar cylinders of com-
8 parable value at the Paducah facility site.

9 (c) SCHEDULE.—Re-enrichment under subsection (b)
10 shall begin not later than 120 days after the date of enact-
11 ment of this Act. Not more than 25 percent of the total
12 cylinders described in subsections (a) and (b) shall be re-
13 enriched before June 30, 2012. Re-enrichment of the re-
14 maining cylinders shall continue thereafter as the Sec-
15 retary considers economically viable.

16 **SEC. 2. SALE OF PRODUCT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall sell or con-
18 tract for the sale of the product of re-enrichment carried
19 out under this Act, on a schedule to be determined by the
20 Secretary.

21 (b) PROCEEDS.—Net proceeds from sales under sub-
22 section (a) shall be deposited in the Uranium Enrichment
23 Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund and dis-
24 bursed by appropriation for environmental remediation at

1 the Paducah, Kentucky, and Portsmouth, Ohio, uranium
2 enrichment facilities.

3 **SEC. 3. URANIUM ENRICHMENT DECONTAMINATION AND**
4 **DECOMMISSIONING FUND.**

5 Section 1802(d) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954
6 (42 U.S.C. 2297g–1(d)) is amended by striking “15” and
7 inserting “18”.

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