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# H. R. 3207

To authorize research, development, and demonstration activities under section 311 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 for fiscal years 2000 through 2004.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 3, 1999

Mr. SENSENBRENNER (for himself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. COSTELLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Science, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Superfund Research,  
5 Development, and Demonstration Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The Superfund Innovative Treatment and  
4 Evaluation (SITE) program carried out under the  
5 authority of section 311(b) of the Comprehensive  
6 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-  
7 ity Act of 1980 has helped private sector developers  
8 to market innovative Superfund clean-up treatment  
9 technologies for more than 10 years.

10 (2) Technologies demonstrated and evaluated  
11 through the SITE program have been successfully  
12 deployed at many Superfund and Resource Con-  
13 servation and Recovery Act sites, resulting in signifi-  
14 cant cost savings and faster remediation of those  
15 sites.

16 (3) The Environmental Protection Agency's  
17 Science Advisory Board has found that SITE pro-  
18 gram accomplishments have been "impressive" and  
19 that "the need for improved technology to prevent,  
20 reduce, or remediate environmental contamination  
21 remains a national priority".

22 (4) The University Hazardous Substance Re-  
23 search Centers authorized under the Comprehensive  
24 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liabil-  
25 ity Act of 1980 have played an important role in  
26 conducting basic research, developing innovative

1 clean-up technologies, and providing invaluable tech-  
2 nical assistance to communities.

3 (5) The SITE program and related hazardous  
4 substance research program should be reauthorized  
5 with an emphasis on meeting the emerging technical  
6 and scientific challenges presented by the use of re-  
7 mediated sites (including brownfields), developing  
8 technologies to address remediation at remaining  
9 sites with complex contamination characteristics,  
10 and transferring technology and technical capabili-  
11 ties to a wider variety of remediation needs.

12 **SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS.**

13 (a) Section 111(n) of the Comprehensive Environ-  
14 mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
15 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9611(n)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1) by striking “1987, 1988,  
17 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994” and in-  
18 serting “2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004”;

19 (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-  
20 lows:

21 “(2) SECTION 311(a).—For each of the fiscal  
22 years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004, not more  
23 than \$35,000,000 of the amounts available in the  
24 Fund may be used for the purposes of section  
25 311(a). Not more than 10 percent of such amounts

1       may be used for training under section 311(a) in  
2       any fiscal year.”; and

3               (3) in paragraph (3) by striking “1987, 1988,  
4       1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, and 1994” and in-  
5       serting “2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004”.

6       (b) Section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environ-  
7       mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
8       1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(a)) is amended by striking para-  
9       graph (6).

10       (c) Section 311(b) of the Comprehensive Environ-  
11       mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
12       1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(b)) is amended—

13               (1) in paragraph (4) by striking “Each such  
14       project” and inserting “The Administrator may  
15       enter into agreements with persons, public entities  
16       (including the Department of Defense, the Depart-  
17       ment of Energy, and other Federal agencies), and  
18       nonprofit private entities, to arrange for the use of  
19       other sites appropriate for carrying out hazardous  
20       substances research, testing, evaluation, develop-  
21       ment, and demonstration projects. Each project  
22       under this paragraph”;

23               (2) in paragraph (5)(B) by inserting “or other  
24       appropriate sites” after “section 104”;

1           (3) in paragraph (5)(E) by striking “10 sites at  
2       which a response may be undertaken under section  
3       104” and insert in lieu thereof “suitable sites”;

4           (4) by striking paragraph (6); and

5           (5) in paragraph (8)—

6                (A) by inserting after the first sentence the  
7       following: “As part of such technology transfer  
8       program, the Administrator shall strive to enter  
9       into agreements with the Department of De-  
10      fense, the Department of Energy, and other  
11      Federal agencies to ensure the effective transfer  
12      to those agencies and their contractors of tech-  
13      nologies potentially applicable to remediation or  
14      containment of hazardous substances at sites  
15      owned or operated by such agencies.”; and

16              (B) by striking “for such information” and  
17      inserting “for information collected under this  
18      paragraph”.

19       (d) Section 311(d) of the Comprehensive Environ-  
20      mental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of  
21      1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(d)) is amended—

22              (1) by striking the last sentence of paragraph  
23      (1);

24              (2) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-  
25      lows:

1           “(2) RESPONSIBILITIES OF CENTERS.—The re-  
2           sponsibilities of each hazardous substance research  
3           center established under this subsection shall in-  
4           clude, but not be limited to, the conduct of research  
5           and training, and the provision of technical assist-  
6           ance and technology transfer to local, State, and re-  
7           gional entities, relating to the manufacture, use,  
8           transportation, disposal, treatment, effects, detec-  
9           tion, characterization, and management of haz-  
10          ardous substances, and publication and dissemina-  
11          tion of information related thereto.”;

12           (3) in paragraph (7) by inserting “or the acqui-  
13          sition, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of an ex-  
14          isting building (including site grading and improve-  
15          ment and architect fees)” after “any building”; and

16           (4) by adding at the end the following new  
17          paragraph:

18           “(11) FUNDING LEVELS.—Subject to the avail-  
19          ability of appropriations, the Administrator shall  
20          maintain funding for each hazardous substance re-  
21          search center established under this subsection at a  
22          level not less than that funded in fiscal year 1999  
23          until such time as the Administrator completes the  
24          next competitive selection process for the centers.”.

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