## H. R. 4601

To prohibit the operation of nuclear power plants unless there exists a State- and county-certified radiological emergency response plan.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2005

Mrs. Lowey (for herself and Mr. Hinchey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

## A BILL

To prohibit the operation of nuclear power plants unless there exists a State- and county-certified radiological emergency response plan.

- 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 "Nuclear Accountability
- 5 Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT.
- 7 No nuclear utilization facility (within the meaning of
- 8 the Atomic Energy Act of 1954) may operate unless the
- 9 Nuclear Regulatory Commission finds with respect to the
- 10 facility that the State in which the facility is located, and

- 1 each affected county or county-equivalent located within
- 2 a 10-mile radius of the facility, has certified within the
- 3 last year a radiological emergency response plan which
- 4 provides reasonable assurance that public health and safe-

5 ty is not endangered by the operation of the facility.

 $\bigcirc$