

Administrator shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Administrator may prescribe, including the coordination of activities among the elements of the Administration. The Principal Deputy Administrator shall act for, and exercise the powers of, the Administrator when the Administrator is disabled or the position of Administrator is vacant.

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3213, as added Pub. L. 107-107, div. C, title XXXI, § 3141(a)(2), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1370; amended Pub. L. 118-159, div. C, title XXXI, § 3111(a)(2), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2293.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2403, Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3213, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 958; Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [div. C, title XXXI, § 3157], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-468, which related to status of Administration and contractor personnel within Department of Energy, was renumbered section 3220 of Pub. L. 106-65, by Pub. L. 107-107, div. C, title XXXI, § 3141(a)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1369, and transferred to section 2410 of this title.

##### AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 118-159 inserted “infrastructure construction and maintenance,” after “nuclear weapons.”

### § 2404. Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs

#### (a) In general

There is in the Administration a Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs, who is appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

#### (b) Duties

Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Administrator may prescribe, including the following:

(1) Supporting the deterrence of strategic attacks by maintaining and enhancing the performance, reliability, and security of the United States nuclear weapons stockpile, including the ability to design, produce, and test as necessary to meet national security requirements.

(2) Directing, managing, and overseeing the nuclear weapons production facilities and the national security laboratories.

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3214, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 959; Pub. L. 107-107, div. C, title XXXI, § 3142, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1370; Pub. L. 118-31, div. C, title XXXI, § 3112(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 788; Pub. L. 118-159, div. C, title XXXI, § 3111(a)(3), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2293.)

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##### AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 118-159 added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “Maintaining and enhancing the safety, reliability, and performance of the United States nuclear weapons stockpile, including the ability to design, produce, and test, in order to meet national security requirements.”

2023—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 118-31 struck out par. (3) which read as follows: “Directing, managing, and overseeing assets to respond to incidents involving nuclear weapons and materials.”

2001—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-107 struck out heading and text of subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “The head of each national security laboratory and nuclear weapons production facility shall, consistent with applicable contractual obligations, report to the Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs.”

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Mar. 1, 2000, see section 3299 of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as a note under section 2401 of this title.

### § 2405. Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation

#### (a) In general

There is in the Administration a Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, who is appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

#### (b) Duties

Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation shall perform such duties and exercise such powers as the Administrator may prescribe, including the following:

(1) Preventing the spread of materials, technology, and expertise relating to weapons of mass destruction.

(2) Detecting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction worldwide.

(3) Eliminating inventories of surplus fissile materials usable for nuclear weapons.

(4) Providing for international nuclear safety.

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3215, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 959.)

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Mar. 1, 2000, see section 3299 of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as a note under section 2401 of this title.

### § 2406. Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors

#### (a) In general

(1) There is in the Administration a Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors. The director of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program provided for under the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order shall serve as the Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors.

(2) Within the Department of Energy, the Deputy Administrator shall report to the Secretary of Energy through the Administrator and shall have direct access to the Secretary and other senior officials in the Department.

#### (b) Duties

The Deputy Administrator shall be assigned the responsibilities, authorities, and accountability for all functions of the Office of Naval Reactors under the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order.