

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.)

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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.

(c) Effect on Executive Order

Except as otherwise specified in this section and notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the provisions of the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order remain in full force and effect until changed by law.

(d) Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order

As used in this section, the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Executive Order is Executive Order No. 12344, dated February 1, 1982 (42 U.S.C. 7158 note)¹ (as in force pursuant to section 1634 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Public Law 98-525; 42 U.S.C. 7158 note)).¹

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3216, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 959.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Executive Order No. 12344, referred to in subsec. (d), is set out as a note under section 2511 of this title.

Section 1634 of the Department of Defense Authorization Act, 1985 (Public Law 98-525), referred to in subsec. (d), was formerly set out as a note under section 7158 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and was renumbered section 4101 of Pub. L. 107-314, the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003, by Pub. L. 108-136, div. C, title XXXI, § 3141(d)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1757. Section 4101 of Pub. L. 107-314 is classified to section 2511 of this title.

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.

§ 2407. General Counsel

There is a General Counsel of the Administration. The General Counsel is the chief legal officer of the Administration.

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3217, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 960.)

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.

§ 2408. Staff of Administration**(a) In general**

The Administrator shall maintain within the Administration sufficient staff to assist the Administrator in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the Administrator.

(b) Responsibilities

The staff of the Administration shall perform, in accordance with applicable law, such of the functions of the Administrator as the Administrator shall prescribe. The Administrator shall assign to the staff responsibility for the following functions:

- (1) Personnel.
- (2) Legislative affairs.

(3) Public affairs.

(4) Liaison with the Department of Energy's Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence.

(5) Liaison with other elements of the Department of Energy and with other Federal agencies, State, tribal, and local governments, and the public.

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3218, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 960; Pub. L. 109-364, div. C, title XXXI, § 3117(e), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2508.)

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b)(4), (5). Pub. L. 109-364 added par. (4) and redesignated former par. (4) as (5).

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.

§ 2409. Scope of authority of Secretary of Energy to modify organization of Administration

Notwithstanding the authority granted by section 7253 of title 42 or any other provision of law, the Secretary of Energy may not establish, abolish, alter, consolidate, or discontinue any organizational unit or component, or transfer any function, of the Administration, except as authorized by subsection (b) or (c) of section 2481 of this title.

(Pub. L. 106-65, div. C, title XXXII, § 3219, as added Pub. L. 106-377, § 1(a)(2) [title III, § 314(a)], Oct. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 1441, 1441A-81.)

§ 2410. Status of Administration and contractor personnel within Department of Energy**(a) Status of Administration personnel**

Each officer or employee of the Administration—

(1) shall be responsible to and subject to the authority, direction, and control of—

(A) the Secretary acting through the Administrator and consistent with section 7132(c)(3) of title 42;

(B) the Administrator; or

(C) the Administrator's designee within the Administration; and

(2) shall not be responsible to, or subject to the authority, direction, or control of, any other officer, employee, or agent of the Department of Energy.

(b) Status of contractor personnel

Each officer or employee of a contractor of the Administration shall not be responsible to, or subject to the authority, direction, or control of, any officer, employee, or agent of the Department of Energy who is not an employee of the Administration, except for the Secretary of Energy consistent with section 7132(c)(3) of title 42.

(c) Construction of section

Subsections (a) and (b) may not be interpreted to in any way preclude or interfere with the communication of technical findings derived from, and in accord with, duly authorized activities between—

¹ See References in Text note below.