

# **Nuclear Plant Decommissioning Act of 2020**

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## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

## SECTION 2. POST-SHUTDOWN DECOMMISSIONING ACTIVITIES REPORTS

- Requires licensees and transferees to consult with the host state, as well as state governments with 50 miles of the plant, when drafting the initial proposed Post Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR). Additionally, any significant changes to the PSDAR (like changing the waste storage from DECON to SAFESTOR, for example) would trigger an additional round of consultation.
- Requires the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to solicit local public input on the PSDAR or post-decommissioning license transfer before the document is finalized and approved.
- Requires the NRC to evaluate and formally adopt or reject the input of the local state.

## SECTION 3. GRANT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS

- **Sec.3(b)** Provides three years of funding at 100% federal cost share to support the activities of Citizen Advisory Boards, defined as a community committee or other advisory organization aimed at fostering communication and information exchange between the licensee and members of the community that decommissioning may affect.
- **Sec.3(c)** Requires licensees to pay a user fee to support the activities of Citizen Advisory Boards in states in which a nuclear power plant is decommissioned or in the process of being decommissioned more than three years after the date of enactment.

## SECTION 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS TO ASSIST NUCLEAR CLOSURE COMMUNITIES

- Provides grant funding at 100% federal cost share to communities that have been economically impacted by the closure of a nuclear power plant.

## SECTION 5. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITIES WITH STRANDED NUCLEAR WASTE

- Provides direct payments to communities that have been economically or socially impacted by the presence of stranded nuclear waste.

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