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To amend the Mineral Leasing Act to require the Secretary of the Interior to develop and publish an all-of-the-above quadrennial Federal onshore energy production strategy to meet domestic energy needs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIPTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Planning for American
5 Energy Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ONSHORE DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION STRA-**
2 **TEGIC PLAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Mineral Leasing Act (30
4 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) is amended by redesignating section
5 44 as section 45, and by inserting after section 43 the
6 following:

7 **“SEC. 44. QUADRENNIAL FEDERAL ONSHORE ENERGY PRO-**
8 **DUCTION STRATEGY.**

9 “(a) REQUIREMENT TO PUBLISH QUADRENNIAL
10 FEDERAL ONSHORE ENERGY PRODUCTION STRATEGY.—
11 The Secretary shall develop and publish once every 4 years
12 a Quadrennial Federal Onshore Energy Production Strat-
13 egy.

14 “(b) CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED.—In developing the
15 Strategy, the Secretary shall consult with—

16 “(1) the Administrator of the Energy Informa-
17 tion Administration with regard to—

18 “(A) the projected energy demands of the
19 United States for the next 30-year period;

20 “(B) the methodology used to arrive at
21 such projection; and

22 “(C) actions to be taken during the next 4-
23 year period with the goal of meeting such de-
24 mands;

25 “(2) the Secretary of Agriculture with regard to
26 lands administered by such Secretary; and

1 “(3) the Secretary of Energy with regard to en-
2 ergy transmission, storage, and distribution infra-
3 structure.

4 “(c) STATE, FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED INDIAN
5 TRIBES, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND PUBLIC INPUT.—In
6 developing the Strategy, the Secretary shall solicit the
7 input of—

8 “(1) the State, federally recognized Indian
9 Tribe, or local government where each energy project
10 included in the Strategy is proposed to be located;
11 and

12 “(2) the public.

13 “(d) CONTENTS OF STRATEGY.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Strategy shall direct
15 onshore Federal land energy development and de-
16 partment resource allocation in order to promote the
17 energy security and national security of the United
18 States in accordance with the principles of multiple
19 use and sustained yield.

20 “(2) PROJECTED DOMESTIC DEMAND FOR EN-
21 ERGY RESOURCES.—The Secretary, in consultation
22 with the Administrator of the Energy Information
23 Administration, shall include in the Strategy an esti-
24 mate, based upon commercial and scientific data, of
25 the projected domestic demand for energy resources

1 over the 30-year period beginning on the date of the
2 publication of such Strategy. The estimate shall be
3 disaggregated by the energy resource types listed in
4 subparagraphs (A) through (H) of paragraph (3)
5 and expressed in British thermal units or
6 megawatts, as appropriate.

7 “(3) DOMESTIC STRATEGIC PRODUCTION OB-
8 JECTIVE.—The Secretary shall include in the Strat-
9 egy a domestic strategic production objective based
10 on the estimate in paragraph (2) for the develop-
11 ment of the following energy resource types on Fed-
12 eral onshore lands:

13 “(A) Oil and natural gas.

14 “(B) Coal.

15 “(C) Strategic and critical energy min-
16 erals.

17 “(D) Electricity, in megawatts, from each
18 of wind, solar, biomass, hydropower, and geo-
19 thermal energy.

20 “(E) Energy from unconventional energy
21 production, such as oil shale.

22 “(F) Helium.

23 “(G) Oil, natural gas, coal, and other re-
24 newable sources from the Tribal lands of any
25 federally recognized Indian Tribe that elects to

1 participate in facilitating energy production on
2 its lands.

3 “(H) Other energy production technology
4 sources or advancements in energy, as deter-
5 mined by the Secretary.

6 “(4) CONSIDERATIONS.—In the Strategy, the
7 Secretary shall consider—

8 “(A) how Federal lands will contribute to
9 ensuring national energy security, with a goal
10 for increasing energy independence and produc-
11 tion during the next 4-year period;

12 “(B) the ability of existing energy trans-
13 mission, storage, and distribution infrastructure
14 to efficiently utilize energy production from
15 Federal lands; and

16 “(C) the proportion of total energy produc-
17 tion derived from Federal land compared to
18 non-Federal land for each of the energy re-
19 sources listed in subparagraphs (A) through
20 (H) of paragraph (3).

21 “(e) TRIBAL OBJECTIVES.—It is the sense of Con-
22 gress that federally recognized Indian Tribes may elect to
23 set their own production objectives as part of the Strategy.
24 The Secretary shall work in cooperation with any federally

1 recognized Indian Tribe that elects to participate in
2 achieving its own strategic energy objectives.

3 “(f) REPORT REQUIRED.—The Secretary shall sub-
4 mit a report annually to the Committee on Natural Re-
5 sources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
6 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
7 that—

8 “(1) examines the progress made toward meet-
9 ing the domestic strategic production objective set
10 forth in the Strategy;

11 “(2) identifies projections for production and
12 capacity installations and any problems with leasing,
13 permitting, siting, or production that may prevent
14 meeting the domestic strategic production objective
15 set forth in the Strategy; and

16 “(3) provides suggestions to address any short-
17 falls in meeting the domestic strategic production
18 objective set forth in the Strategy.

19 “(g) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.—At least 60 days be-
20 fore publishing a proposed Strategy under this section, the
21 Secretary shall submit such Strategy to the President and
22 to Congress, together with any comments received from
23 States, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and local gov-
24 ernments. Such submission shall state why any specific

1 recommendation of a State, federally recognized Indian
2 Tribe, or local government was not accepted.

3 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 “(1) MULTIPLE USE.—The term ‘multiple use’
5 has the same meaning given such term in section
6 103 of the Federal Land and Policy Management
7 Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).

8 “(2) SECRETARY.—The term ‘Secretary’ means
9 the Secretary of the Interior, unless the context re-
10 quires otherwise.

11 “(3) STRATEGY.—The term ‘Strategy’ means
12 the Quadrennial Federal Onshore Energy Produc-
13 tion Strategy required to be developed and published
14 under subsection (a).

15 “(4) STRATEGIC AND CRITICAL ENERGY MIN-
16 ERALS.—The term ‘strategic and critical energy
17 minerals’ means minerals that are necessary for the
18 production of energy and the building and maintain-
19 ing of the energy infrastructure of the United
20 States, including minerals necessary—

21 “(A) for pipelines, refining capacity, elec-
22 trical power generation and transmission, and
23 renewable energy production;

1 “(B) to support domestic manufacturing,
2 including materials used in energy generation,
3 production, and transportation; and

4 “(C) to ensure the national security of the
5 United States.

6 “(5) SUSTAINED YIELD.—The term ‘sustained
7 yield’ has the same meaning given such term in sec-
8 tion 103 of the Federal Land and Policy Manage-
9 ment Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1702).”.

10 (b) FIRST QUADRENNIAL STRATEGY.—Not later
11 than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this
12 Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to Congress
13 the first Quadrennial Federal Onshore Energy Production
14 Strategy under the amendment made by subsection (a).

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