

1 man regarding whether the recommended alternative en-
2 dorsed by the Administrator—

3 (1) is acceptable to the Secretary of Defense
4 and the Nuclear Weapons Council and meets the re-
5 quirements of the Secretary for plutonium pit pro-
6 duction capacity and capability;

7 (2) is likely to meet the pit production timelines
8 and milestones required by section 4219 of the
9 Atomic Energy Defense Act (50 U.S.C. 2538a);

10 (3) has reasonable near-term and lifecycle costs
11 that are minimized, to the extent practicable, as
12 compared to other alternatives, and has tested and
13 documented the sensitivity of the cost estimates for
14 each alternative to risks and changes in key assump-
15 tions;

16 (4) contains minimized and manageable risks as
17 compared to other alternatives;

18 (5) can be acceptably reconciled with any dif-
19 ferences in the conclusions made by the Office of
20 Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation of the
21 Department of Defense in the business case analysis
22 of plutonium pit production capability issued in
23 2013; and

24 (6) has documented the assumptions and con-
25 straints used in the analysis of alternatives.

1 (c) FAILURE TO CERTIFY.—If the Chairman is un-
2 able to submit the certification under subsection (b)—

3 (1) the Chairman shall submit to the congres-
4 sional defense committees and the Administrator
5 written notification describing why the Chairman is
6 unable to make such certification and what steps the
7 Administrator should take to improve the plan of the
8 Administrator to recapitalize plutonium pit produc-
9 tion capacity and capability to enable certification;
10 and

11 (2) not later than 30 days after receiving such
12 notification, the Administrator shall update such
13 plan to address the steps described by the Chair-
14 man.

15 (d) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 60 days after the
16 date on which the Comptroller General receives the notifi-
17 cation under subsection (a), the Comptroller General shall
18 provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing
19 containing the assessment of the Comptroller General of
20 the analysis of alternatives conducted by the Adminis-
21 trator to select a preferred alternative for recapitalizing
22 plutonium science and production capabilities.

