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At the end of subtitle B of title XXXI, add the following new section:

SEC. 3121. CIVIL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF CERTAIN WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS.

(a) In general.—Section 234A of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2282a) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by inserting “AND WHISTLEBLOWER” after “SAFETY”; and

(2) in subsection a.—

(A) by inserting “, or who violates any applicable rule, regulation or order related to whistleblower protections,” before “shall be subject to a civil penalty”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new sentence: “The Secretary of Energy may carry out this section with respect to the National Nuclear Security Administration by acting through the Administrator for Nuclear Security.”; and
(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

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e. In this section, the term ‘whistleblower protections’ means the protections for contractors from reprisals pursuant to section 4712 of title 41, United States Code, section 211 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5851), or other provisions of Federal law affording such protections.”
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