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At the end of title XVII (page 1115, after line 5), add the following:

1 **SEC. 1762. SECURING RELIABLE DOMESTIC SUPPLY OF THE**

2   **CRITICAL MINERAL HELIUM FOR NATIONAL**

3   **SECURITY.**

4   (a) CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION.—Not later than 6

5 months after the date of the enactment of this section,

6 the Secretary of the Interior shall develop 1 or more cat-

7 egorical exclusions under the National Environmental Pol-

8 icy Act of 1969 (16 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) for helium devel-

9 opment permitting activity.

10   (b) HELIUM DEVELOPMENT PERMITTING ACTIV-

11 ITY.—

12   (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term

13   "helium development permitting activity" means any

14   activity described in paragraph (2) that—

15   (A) is in relation to public land adminis-

16   tered by the Bureau of Land Management;

17   (B) conforms to an applicable land use

18   plan; and

1   (C) could contribute to the reduction of de-

2   pendency of the United States on foreign

3   sources of helium.

4   (2) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES.—An activity

5 referred to in paragraph (1) is the issuance of a per-

6 mit, a right-of-way grant, or other authority—

7   (A) to allow for helium drilling operations

8   and surface disturbing activities;

9   (B) for a helium pipeline right-of-way from

10   the wellsite to a helium processing or treatment

11   plant;

12   (C) for the construction or maintenance of

13   a helium wellsite access road; or

14   (D) for the construction or operation of a

15   helium processing plant, including the power

16   source and access road to such plant.

17 (c) NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTED PARTIES.—Upon

18 permitting projects the Secretary of the Interior shall peri-

19 odically inform the Secretary of Defense, through the De-

20 fense Logistics Agency, and the Secretary of Energy,

21 through the National Laboratories, of the development

22 status of projects producing helium, including the opera-

23 tors of the projects, to ensure that such Secretaries are

24 aware of new domestic helium supplies created by this Act.

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