

(2) Composition

The task force shall be comprised of employees of the Department of Agriculture, industry representatives, and other experts in the fields of agriculture and air quality.

(3) Duties

The task force shall advise the Secretary with respect to the role of the Secretary for providing oversight and coordination related to agricultural air quality.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title III, §391, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1025.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, and not as part of subtitle F (§1471 et seq.) of title XIV of Pub. L. 101-624 which comprises this chapter.

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§ 5501. Short title, purpose, definitions, and authorization of appropriations

(a) Short title

This chapter may be cited as the “Agriculture and Water Policy Coordination Act”.

(b) Purpose

It is the purpose of this chapter to ensure—

- (1) that the Department of Agriculture develops, implements, and sustains a coordinated, integrated, and comprehensive intra-agency program to protect waters from contamination from agricultural chemicals and production practices; and

- (2) increased efforts by the Department of Agriculture in extension, technical assistance, and research on the relations between agricultural production and the contamination of water.

(c) Definitions

For purpose of this chapter—

- (1) The term “contaminant” means any matter which, in its original form or as a metabolite, degradation, or waste product, as a constituent of water may impair the quality of water or may have a potential adverse effect on human health or the environment.

- (2) The term “Department” means the United States Department of Agriculture.

- (3) The term “food and agricultural councils” means those councils established by the policy of the Secretary in each State and made up of the leaders of programs within each State that represent agriculture.

- (4) The term “soil and water conservation committees” refers to the committees established within the respective States by State law and which include the leaders of appropriate State agencies that address soil and water conservation.

- (5) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

- (6) The term “State” means any of the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and federally recognized Indian tribes.

(d) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 1991 through 1997 to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1481, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3622; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §831, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1168.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-127 substituted “1997” for “1995”.

§ 5502. Soil and water activities

(a) Purpose

The Congress declares that an additional purpose of the Soil Conservation Service and the Extension Service is to aid in protecting and improving the quality of water.

(b) Conservation plans

The Secretary, when reviewing conservation plans for compliance certification, shall determine the impact that such plans may have on agriculture and water quality planning. The Soil Conservation Service shall complete this determination by January 1, 2000.

(c) Acquisition of water information through national resources inventory

The Secretary shall determine within six months after November 28, 1990, whether the national resources inventory can be modified to acquire useful information on water conditions and surface conditions that affect water quality and supply. In making this determination, the Secretary shall consider—