

**(d) Annual reports to President and Congress****(1) In general**

The Board shall submit to the President and the Congress of the United States an annual report on—

(A) the environmental and infrastructure projects referred to in subsection (a) of this section that have been implemented, and

(B) the need for the implementation of additional environmental and infrastructure projects.

**(2) Transmission of copies to Board members**

The Board shall—

(A) transmit to each member of the Board a copy of any report to be submitted pursuant to paragraph (1) at least 14 days before its submission, and

(B) allow each member of the Board to have 14 days within which to prepare and submit supplemental views with respect to the recommendations of the Board for inclusion in such report.

(Pub. L. 102-532, §6, Oct. 27, 1992, 106 Stat. 3513.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act of 1992, and not as part of subtitle F (§1471 et seq.) of title XIV of Pub. L. 101-624 which comprises this chapter.

## DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

Authority of President under this section delegated to Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency by section 10 of Ex. Ord. No. 12916, May 13, 1994, 59 F.R. 25780, set out as a note under section 3473 of Title 19, Customs Duties.

## TERMINATION OF ADVISORY BOARDS

Advisory boards established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a board established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such board is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a board established by Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 5405. Agricultural air quality research oversight****(a) Findings**

Congress finds that—

(1) various studies have alleged that agriculture is a source of PM-10 emissions;

(2) many of these studies have often been based on erroneous data;

(3) Federal research activities are currently being conducted by the Department of Agriculture to determine the true extent to which agricultural activities contribute to air pollution and to determine cost-effective ways in which the agricultural industry can reduce any pollution that exists; and

(4) any Federal policy recommendations that may be issued by any Federal agency to address air pollution problems related to agriculture or any other industrial activity should be based on sound scientific findings that are subject to adequate peer review and should take into account economic feasibility.

**(b) Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to encourage the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to strengthen vital research efforts related to agricultural air quality.

**(c) Oversight coordination****(1) Intergovernmental cooperation**

The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable with respect to the Department of Agriculture and other Federal departments and agencies, ensure intergovernmental cooperation in research activities related to agricultural air quality and avoid duplication of the activities.

**(2) Correct data**

The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that the results of any research related to agricultural air quality conducted by Federal agencies not report erroneous data with respect to agricultural air quality.

**(d) Task force****(1) Establishment**

The Chief of the National Resources Conservation Service shall establish a task force to address agricultural air quality issues.

**(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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## CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 3222c, 5821, 5831, 5832 of this title.

**§ 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—

- (1) the costs, limitations, opportunities, and capability of expanding the inventory to include water matters; and
- (2) whether the natural resources inventory can be integrated with alternative sources of data on water from Federal and State agencies.

**(d) Annual report**

The Secretary shall submit an annual report to the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives and to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the Senate in conjunction with the report required under section 5403(c) of this title. The report shall specify the—

- (1) activities and accomplishments of the Soil Conservation Service during the preceding year, including measures taken to enhance the ability of the Service to address water contamination problems;
- (2) plans of the Secretary for the subsequent year, concerning measures expected to be taken to enhance the ability of the Service to address water contamination problems; and
- (3) progress made in carrying out the purpose stated in subsection (a) of this section.

(Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1482, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3622.)

**§ 5503. State water quality coordination program**

**(a) Establishment**

The Secretary shall require the establishment of a water quality coordination program within each State. To the greatest extent possible, the Secretary shall use the expertise of the food and agricultural councils.

**(b) Membership**

Each State water quality coordination program shall involve those departmental agencies specified in subsection (c) of this section that