

of filing. To the maximum extent practical, an applicant should be advised (prior to the submission of the application) of all information which will be required of the applicant in processing the application; and the date of filing shall be considered to be the date when all of such information has been submitted by the applicant. Any application proposed and filed as of June 30, 1980, shall be subject to final decision within not more than four months after such date.

(Pub. L. 93-410, title II, §206, as added Pub. L. 96-294, title VI, §641(3), June 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 769.)

§ 1147. Application of national environmental policy provisions

The Secretary shall ensure, to the maximum extent possible, that any action undertaken pursuant to section 4332(2)(C) of title 42 which is associated with the granting of a loan guarantee under this subchapter takes the maximum cognizance allowable under law of any other action theretofore undertaken pursuant to such section 4332(2)(C) of title 42 with respect to the project which is the subject of such loan guarantee, and that no such action associated with the loan guarantee shall duplicate any action theretofore undertaken under such section 4332(2)(C) of title 42 in connection with such project, so long as all of the requirements which are applicable to such project under such section 4332(2)(C) of title 42 will have been satisfied.

(Pub. L. 93-410, title II, §207, as added Pub. L. 96-294, title VI, §641(3), June 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 769.)

SUBCHAPTER III—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1161. Protection of environment

In the conduct of its activities, the Project and any participating public or private persons or agencies shall place particular emphasis upon the objective of assuring that the environment and the safety of persons or property are effectively protected; and the program under subchapter I of this chapter shall include such special research and development as may be necessary for the achievement of that objective.

(Pub. L. 93-410, title III, §301, Sept. 3, 1974, 88 Stat. 1088.)

§ 1162. Final report to President and Congress on terminated projects

(a) Repealed. Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1051(m), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 717.

(b) No later than one year after the termination of each demonstration project under section 1125 of this title, the Chairman of the Project shall submit to the President and the Congress a final report on the activities of the Project related to each project, including his recommendations with respect to any further legislative, administrative, and other actions which should be taken in support of the objectives of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 93-410, title III, §302, Sept. 3, 1974, 88 Stat. 1088; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1051(m), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 717.)

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-66 struck out subsec. (a) which read as follows: “The Chairman of the Project shall submit to the President and the Congress full and complete annual reports of the activities of the Project, including such projections and estimates as may be necessary to evaluate the progress of the national geothermal energy research, development and demonstration program and to provide the basis for as accurate a judgment as is possible concerning the extent to which the objectives of this chapter will have been achieved by June 30, 1980.”

§ 1163. Transfer of functions

(a) Within sixty days after the effective date of the law creating a permanent Federal organization or agency having jurisdiction over the energy research and development functions of the United States (or within sixty days after September 3, 1974, if the effective date of such law occurs prior to September 3, 1974), all of the research, development, and demonstration functions (including the loan guaranty program) vested in the Project under this chapter, along with related records, documents, personnel, obligations, and other items to the extent necessary or appropriate, shall, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Management and Budget, be transferred to and vested in such organization or agency.

(b) Upon the establishment of a permanent Federal organization or agency having jurisdiction over the energy research and development functions of the United States, and when all research and development (and other) functions of the Project are transferred, the members of the Project may provide advice and counsel to the head of such organization or agency, in accordance with arrangements made at that time.

(Pub. L. 93-410, title III, §303, Sept. 3, 1974, 88 Stat. 1088.)

§ 1164. Authorization of appropriations

(a) Fiscal years ending June 30, 1976, and September 30, 1977, through September 30, 1980

For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1976, and September 30, 1977, 1978, 1979, and 1980, only such sums may be appropriated as the Congress may hereafter authorize by law.

(b) Fiscal year ending June 30, 1975

There are authorized to be appropriated to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, for the purpose of preparing the program definition under section 1122(a) of this title.

(c) Additional sums for Project

In addition to sums authorized to be appropriated by subsection (b) of this section, there are authorized to be appropriated to the fund not to exceed \$50,000,000 annually, such sums to carry out the provisions of the loan guaranty program by the Project under subchapter II of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 93-410, title III, §304, Sept. 3, 1974, 88 Stat. 1089.)

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§ 1201. Congressional findings

The Congress finds and declares that—

(a) extraction of coal and other minerals from the earth can be accomplished by various methods of mining, including surface mining;

(b) coal mining operations presently contribute significantly to the Nation's energy requirements; surface coal mining constitutes one method of extraction of the resource; the overwhelming percentage of the Nation's coal reserves can only be extracted by underground mining methods, and it is, therefore, essential to the national interest to insure the existence of an expanding and economically healthy underground coal mining industry;

(c) many surface mining operations result in disturbances of surface areas that burden and adversely affect commerce and the public welfare by destroying or diminishing the utility of land for commercial, industrial, residential, recreational, agricultural, and forestry purposes, by causing erosion and landslides, by contributing to floods, by polluting the water, by destroying fish and wildlife habitats, by impairing natural beauty, by damaging the property of citizens, by creating hazards dangerous to life and property by degrading the quality of life in local communities, and by counteracting governmental programs and efforts to conserve soil, water, and other natural resources;

(d) the expansion of coal mining to meet the Nation's energy needs makes even more urgent the establishment of appropriate standards to minimize damage to the environment and to productivity of the soil and to protect the health and safety of the public.¹

(e) surface mining and reclamation technology are now developed so that effective and

¹ So in original. The period probably should be a semicolon.