

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 106-193, §1, as added by Pub. L. 109-58, title IX, §968(a), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 894, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000’.”

**RECLASSIFICATION**

Pub. L. 109-58, title IX, §968(b), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 898, provided that: “The Law Revision Counsel shall reclassify the Methane Hydrate Research and Development Act of 2000 (30 U.S.C. 1902 note; Public Law 106-193) to a new chapter at the end of title 30, United States Code.”

**§ 2002. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Contract**

The term “contract” means a procurement contract within the meaning of section 6303 of title 31.

**(2) Cooperative agreement**

The term “cooperative agreement” means a cooperative agreement within the meaning of section 6305 of title 31.

**(3) Director**

The term “Director” means the Director of the National Science Foundation.

**(4) Grant**

The term “grant” means a grant awarded under a grant agreement (within the meaning of section 6304 of title 31).

**(5) Industrial enterprise**

The term “industrial enterprise” means a private, nongovernmental enterprise that has an expertise or capability that relates to methane hydrate research and development.

**(6) Institution of higher education**

The term “institution of higher education” means an institution of higher education (as defined in section 1002 of title 20).

**(7) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy.

**(8) Secretary of Commerce**

The term “Secretary of Commerce” means the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**(9) Secretary of Defense**

The term “Secretary of Defense” means the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Secretary of the Navy.

**(10) Secretary of the Interior**

The term “Secretary of the Interior” means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, and the Director of the Minerals Management Service.

(Pub. L. 106-193, §3, as added Pub. L. 109-58, title IX, §968(a), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 895.)

**Editorial Notes****PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 3 of Pub. L. 106-193 was set out in a note under section 1902 of this title prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 106-193 by Pub. L. 109-58.

**Executive Documents****TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

The Minerals Management Service was abolished and functions divided among the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement. See Secretary of the Interior Orders No. 3299 of May 19, 2010, and No. 3302 of June 18, 2010, and chapters II, V, and XII of title 30, Code of Federal Regulations, as revised by final rules of the Department of the Interior at 75 F.R. 61051 and 76 F.R. 64432.

**§ 2003. Methane hydrate research and development program****(a) In general****(1) Commencement of program**

Not later than 90 days after August 8, 2005, the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Director, shall commence a program of methane hydrate research and development in accordance with this section.

**(2) Designations**

The Secretary, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Director shall designate individuals to carry out this section.

**(3) Coordination**

The individual designated by the Secretary shall coordinate all activities within the Department of Energy relating to methane hydrate research and development.

**(4) Meetings**

The individuals designated under paragraph (2) shall meet not later than 180 days after August 8, 2005, and not less frequently than every 180 days thereafter to—

(A) review the progress of the program under paragraph (1); and

(B) coordinate interagency research and partnership efforts in carrying out the program.

**(b) Grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, interagency funds transfer agreements, and field work proposals****(1) Assistance and coordination**

In carrying out the program of methane hydrate research and development authorized by this section, the Secretary may award grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, institutions of higher education, oceanographic institutions, and industrial enterprises to—

(A) conduct basic and applied research to identify, explore, assess, and develop methane hydrate as a commercially viable source of energy;

(B) identify methane hydrate resources through remote sensing;