

§ 1228. Interagency cooperation

The President shall, by such means as he deems appropriate, clarify agency responsibility for Federal mining and mineral resources research and provide for interagency coordination of such research, including the research authorized by this subchapter. Such coordination shall include—

- (1) continuing review of the adequacy of the Government-wide program in mining and mineral resources research;
- (2) identification and elimination of duplication and overlap between agency programs;
- (3) identification of technical needs in various mining and mineral resources research categories;
- (4) recommendations with respect to allocation of technical effort among Federal agencies;
- (5) review of technical manpower needs, and findings concerning management policies to improve the quality of the Government-wide research effort; and
- (6) actions to facilitate interagency communication at management levels.

(Pub. L. 98-409, §8, Aug. 29, 1984, 98 Stat. 1540.)

Editorial Notes**CODIFICATION**

Section was enacted as part of the Mining and Mineral Resources Research Institute Act of 1984, and not as part of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 which comprises this chapter.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1228, Pub. L. 95-87, title III, §308, Aug. 3, 1977, 91 Stat. 455, contained provisions similar to this section covering fiscal years 1978 through 1984.

§ 1229. Committee on Mining and Mineral Resources Research**(a) Appointment; composition**

The Secretary shall appoint a Committee on Mining and Mineral Resources Research composed of—

- (1) the Assistant Secretary of the Interior responsible for minerals and mining research, or his delegate;
- (2) the Director, United States Bureau of Mines, or his delegate;
- (3) the Director, United States Geological Survey, or his delegate;
- (4) the Director of the National Science Foundation, or his delegate;
- (5) the President, National Academy of Sciences, or his delegate;
- (6) the President, National Academy of Engineering, or his delegate; and
- (7) not more than 7 other persons who are knowledgeable in the fields of mining and mineral resources research, including two university administrators involved in the conduct of programs authorized by this subchapter, 3 representatives from the mining industry, a working miner, and a representative from the conservation community. In making these 7 appointments, the Secretary shall consult with interested groups.

(b) Consultation and recommendations

The Committee shall consult with, and make recommendations to, the Secretary on all mat-

ters relating to mining and mineral resources research and the determinations that are required to be made under this subchapter. The Secretary shall consult with, and consider recommendations of, such Committee in such matters.

(c) Compensation, travel, subsistence and related expenses

Committee members, other than officers or employees of Federal, State, or local governments, shall be, for each day (including travel-time) during which they are performing Committee business, paid at a rate fixed by the Secretary but not¹ excess of the daily equivalent of the maximum rate of pay for grade GS-18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5, and shall be fully reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and related expenses.

(d) Chairmanship of Committee

The Committee shall be jointly chaired by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior responsible for minerals and mining and a person to be elected by the Committee from among the members referred to in paragraphs (5), (6), and (7) of subsection (a) of this section.

(e) National plan for research

The Committee shall develop a national plan for research in mining and mineral resources, considering ongoing efforts in the universities, the Federal Government, and the private sector, and shall formulate and recommend a program to implement the plan utilizing resources provided for under this subchapter. The Committee shall submit such plan to the Secretary, the President, and the Congress on or before March 1, 1986, and shall submit an annual update of such plan by January 15 of each calendar year.

(f) Application of chapter 10 of title 5

Section 1009 of title 5 shall not apply to the Committee.

(Pub. L. 98-409, §9, Aug. 29, 1984, 98 Stat. 1540; Pub. L. 100-483, §§8, 9, Oct. 12, 1988, 102 Stat. 2340; Pub. L. 102-285, §10(b), May 18, 1992, 106 Stat. 172; Pub. L. 117-286, §4(a)(193), Dec. 27, 2022, 136 Stat. 4327.)

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AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 117-286 substituted “Section 1009 of title 5” for “Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.)”.

1988—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 100-483, §8, substituted “7 other persons” for “six other persons”, “this subchapter, 3” for “section 301 of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, two”, and “7 appointments” for “six appointments”.

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by “in”.