

(2) the project involved will comply with all applicable laws relating to protection of the environment, and

(3) the applicant requires such assistance to undertake and complete the project.

**(d) Interest rate; term**

Each loan made pursuant to this section shall bear interest at a discount or interest rate equal to the rate in effect (at the time the loan is made) for water resources planning projects under section 80 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 1962(d)–17(a)).<sup>1</sup> Each loan shall be for such term as the Secretary deems appropriate, but not in excess of ten years for loans under subsection (b) or thirty years for loans under subsection (c).

**(e) Funding; deposit of amount repaid**

Loans pursuant to this section shall be made from funds appropriated (pursuant to this subchapter) to the Geothermal Resources Development Fund established under section 1144<sup>2</sup> of this title; and amounts repaid on such loans shall be deposited in the Geothermal Resources Development Fund for purposes of this subchapter.

**(f) Authorization of appropriations**

For loans under clause (A) of subsection (b)(1) for fiscal year 1981, there is authorized to be appropriated to the Geothermal Resources Development Fund not to exceed \$5,000,000, which shall remain available until expended. For loans under such clause (A) for subsequent fiscal years, and for loans under clause (B) of subsection (b)(1) or under subsection (c) (for any such subsequent fiscal year), there may be appropriated to such Fund only such sums as are authorized by legislation hereafter enacted.

**(g) "Person" defined**

As used in this section, the term "person" includes municipalities, cooperatives, industrial development agencies, nonprofit organizations, and Indian tribes, as well as the districts referred to in subsection (a) and the other entities included within such term under section 1 of title 1.

(Pub. L. 96-294, title VI, § 631, June 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 767.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1144 of this title, referred to in subsec. (e), was repealed by Pub. L. 116-260, div. Z, title III, § 3002(i)(3), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2495.

SUBCHAPTER IV—FEDERAL FACILITIES

**§ 1541. Use of geothermal energy in Federal facilities**

The option of using geothermal energy or geothermal energy resources shall be considered fully in any new Federal building, facility, or installation which is located in a geothermal resource area as designated by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 96-294, title VI, § 642, June 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 769.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Should be "(42 U.S.C. 1962d-17(a))."

<sup>2</sup> See References in Text note below.

**§ 1542. Regulations**

All regulations made with respect to this subchapter shall be promulgated no later than six months after June 30, 1980.

(Pub. L. 96-294, title VI, § 644, June 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 770.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this subtitle", meaning subtitle D of title VI of Pub. L. 96-294, June 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 768, which enacted this subchapter and former sections 1146 and 1147 of this title and amended former sections 1141 and 1143 of this title and sections 796, 824a-3, 824i, and 824j of Title 16, Conservation.

**CHAPTER 28—MATERIALS AND MINERALS POLICY, RESEARCH, AND DEVELOPMENT**

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**§ 1601. Congressional statement of findings; "materials" defined**

(a) The Congress finds that—

(1) the availability of materials is essential for national security, economic well-being, and industrial production;

(2) the availability of materials is affected by the stability of foreign sources of essential industrial materials, instability of materials markets, international competition and demand for materials, the need for energy and materials conservation, and the enhancement of environmental quality;

(3) extraction, production, processing, use, recycling, and disposal of materials are closely linked with national concerns for energy and the environment;

(4) the United States is strongly interdependent with other nations through international trade in materials and other products;

(5) technological innovation and research and development are important factors which contribute to the availability and use of materials;

(6) the United States lacks a coherent national materials policy and a coordinated program to assure the availability of materials critical for national economic well-being, national defense, and industrial production, including interstate commerce and foreign trade; and

(7) notwithstanding the enactment of section 21a of this title, the United States does not have a coherent national materials and minerals policy.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this chapter:

(1) CRITICAL MINERAL.—The term "critical mineral" means any mineral, element, sub-