

Section 17200, Pub. L. 110-140, title VI, §621, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1684, related to reports to Congress.

### § 17201. Applicability of other laws

Nothing in this part shall be construed as waiving, modifying, or superseding the applicability of any requirement under any environmental or other Federal or State law. To the extent that activities authorized in this part take place in coastal and ocean areas, the Secretary shall consult with the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, regarding the potential marine environmental impacts and measures to address such impacts.

(Pub. L. 110-140, title VI, §622, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1684.)

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on the date that is 1 day after Dec. 19, 2007, see section 1601 of Pub. L. 110-140, set out as a note under section 1824 of Title 2, The Congress.

### § 17202. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out the programs under this part \$170,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2025.

(Pub. L. 110-140, title VI, §623, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1684; Pub. L. 116-260, div. Z, title III, §3002(j), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2495.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116-260 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to authorization of appropriations for fiscal years 2008 to 2012.

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### § 17203. International geothermal energy development

#### (a) In general

The Secretary of Energy, in coordination with other appropriate Federal and multilateral agencies (including the United States Agency for International Development) shall support collaborative efforts with international partners to promote the research, development, and demonstration of geothermal technologies used to develop hydrothermal and enhanced geothermal system resources.

#### (b) United States Trade and Development Agency

The Director of the United States Trade and Development Agency may—

- (1) encourage participation by United States firms in actions taken to carry out subsection (a); and
- (2) provide grants and other financial support for feasibility and resource assessment

studies conducted in, or intended to benefit, less developed countries.

(Pub. L. 110-140, title VI, §624, Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1684; Pub. L. 116-260, div. Z, title III, §3002(k), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2495.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-260, §3002(k)(1), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary of Energy, in coordination with other appropriate Federal and multilateral agencies (including the United States Agency for International Development) shall support international collaborative efforts to promote the research, development, and deployment of geothermal technologies used to develop hydrothermal and enhanced geothermal system resources, including as partners (as appropriate) the African Rift Geothermal Development Facility, Australia, China, France, the Republic of Iceland, India, Japan, and the United Kingdom.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-260, §3002(k)(2), struck out subsec. (c). Text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”

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### § 17204. High cost region geothermal energy grant program

#### (a) Definitions

In this section:

##### (1) Eligible entity

The term “eligible entity” means—

- (A) a utility;
- (B) an electric cooperative;
- (C) a State;
- (D) a political subdivision of a State;
- (E) an Indian tribe; or
- (F) a Native corporation.

##### (2) High-cost region

The term “high-cost region” means a region in which the average cost of electrical power or heat exceeds 150 percent of the national average retail cost, as determined by the Secretary.

#### (b) Program

The Secretary shall use amounts made available to carry out this section to make grants to eligible entities for activities described in subsection (c).

#### (c) Eligible activities

An eligible entity may use grant funds under this section, with respect to a geothermal energy project in a high-cost region, only—

- (1) to conduct a feasibility study, including a study of exploration, geochemical testing, geomagnetic surveys, geologic information gathering, baseline environmental studies, well drilling, resource characterization, permitting, and economic analysis;
- (2) for design and engineering costs, relating to the project; and