§ 18601. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) Department

The term ''Department'' means the Department of Energy.

(2) Director

The term ''Director'' means the Director of the Office of Science of the Department, except as otherwise indicated.

(3) National Laboratory

The term ''National Laboratory'' has the meaning given that term in section 15801 of this title.

(4) Secretary

The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of Energy.

(Pub. L. 115–246, § 2, Sept. 28, 2018, 132 Stat. 3130.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original ''this Act'', meaning Pub. L. 115–246, Sept. 28, 2018, 132 Stat. 3130, known as the Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 115–246, § 1(a), Sept. 28, 2018, 132 Stat. 3130, provided that: ''This Act [see Short Title notes below and Tables for classification] may be cited as the 'Department of Energy Research and Innovation Act'.''

Pub. L. 115–246, title I, § 101, Sept. 28, 2018, 132 Stat. 3131, provided that: ''This title [enacting subchapter I of this chapter and amending sections 16352 and 16391 of this title] may be cited as the 'Laboratory Modernization and Technology Transfer Act'.''

Pub. L. 115–246, title II, § 201, Sept. 28, 2018, 132 Stat. 3134, provided that: ''This title [enacting subchapter II of this chapter and section 16358 of this title, amending sections 16357 and 16538 of this title, and repealing section 16358 of this title] may be cited as the 'Department of Energy Research Coordination Act'.''

Pub. L. 115–246, title III, § 301, Sept. 28, 2018, 132 Stat. 3140, provided that: ''This title [enacting subchapter III of this chapter and amending sections 2053, 7139, 16313, 16315, 16316, and 16321 of this title, sections 5541 and 5542 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and provisions set out as a note under section 5501 of Title 15] may be cited as the 'Department of Energy Office of Science Policy Act'.''

SUBCHAPTER I—LABORATORY MODERNIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

§ 18611. Sense of Congress on accelerating energy innovation

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) although important progress has been made in cost reduction and deployment of clean energy technologies, accelerating clean energy innovation will help meet critical competitiveness, energy security, and environmental goals;

(2) accelerating the pace of clean energy innovation in the United States calls for—

(A) supporting existing research and development programs at the Department and the world-class National Laboratories;

(B) exploring and developing new pathways for innovators, investors, and decision-makers to leverage the resources of the Department for addressing the challenges and comparative strengths of geographic regions; and

(C) recognizing the financial constraints of the Department, regularly reviewing clean energy programs to ensure that taxpayer investments are maximized;

(3) the energy supply, demand, policies, markets, and resource options of the United States vary by geographic region;

(4) a regional approach to innovation can bridge the gaps between local talent, institutions, and industries to identify opportunities and convert United States investment into domestic companies; and

(5) Congress, the Secretary, and energy industry participants should advance efforts that promote international, domestic, and regional cooperation on the research and development of energy innovations that—

(A) provide clean, affordable, and reliable energy for everyone;

(B) promote economic growth;

(C) are critical for energy security; and

(D) are sustainable without government support.

(Pub. L. 115–246, title I, § 103, Sept. 28, 2018, 132 Stat. 3131.)

§ 18612. Restoration of laboratory directed research and development program

(a) In general

Except as provided in subsection (b), the Secretary shall ensure that laboratory operating contractors do not allocate costs of general and administrative overhead to laboratory directed research and development.

(b) Exception for national security laboratories

This section shall not apply to the national security laboratories with respect to which section 3119[1] of the National Defense Authorization

[1] See References in Text note below.