

§ 646. Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 85-701, § 6, Aug. 21, 1958, 72 Stat. 701.)

CHAPTER 18—COAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in title 42 section 5814.

§ 661. Definitions

As used in this chapter

- (a) The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.
- (b) The term "research" means scientific, technical, and economic research and the practical application of that research.

(Pub. L. 86-599, § 1, July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 336.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Secretary of the Interior, Department of the Interior, and officers components of such Department relating to or utilized by Office of Coal Research transferred to Administrator of Energy Research and Development Administration by section 5814 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Energy Research and Development Administration was terminated and functions vested by law in Administrator thereof transferred to Secretary of Energy (unless otherwise specifically provided) by sections 7151(a) and 7293 of Title 42.

§ 662. Office of Coal Research; powers and duties

The Secretary shall establish within the Department of the Interior an Office of Coal Research, and through such Office shall—

- (1) develop through research, new and more efficient methods of mining, preparing, and utilizing coal;
- (2) contract for, sponsor, cosponsor, and promote the coordination of, research with recognized interested groups, including but not limited to, coal trade associations, coal research associations, educational institutions, and agencies of States and political subdivisions of States;
- (3) establish technical advisory committees composed of recognized experts in various aspects of coal research to assist in the examina-

tion and evaluation of research progress and of all research proposals and contracts and to insure the avoidance of duplication of research; and

- (4) cooperate to the fullest extent possible with other departments, agencies, and independent establishments of the Federal Government and with State governments, and with all other interested agencies, governmental and nongovernmental.

(Pub. L. 86-599, § 2, July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 336.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

See note set out under section 661 of this title.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees in existence on Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period following Jan. 5, 1973, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 663. Advisory committees**(a) Minutes of meetings**

Any advisory committee appointed under the provisions of this chapter shall keep minutes of each meeting, which shall contain as a minimum (1) the name of each person attending such meeting, (2) a copy of the agenda, and (3) a record of all votes or polls taken during the meeting.

(b) Availability of minutes or reports

A copy of any such minutes or of any report made by any such committee after final action has been taken thereon by the Secretary shall be available to the public upon request and payment of the cost of furnishing such copy.

(c) Compensation; travel expenses

Members of any advisory committee appointed from private life under authority of this section shall each receive \$50 per diem when engaged in the actual performance of their duties as a member of such advisory committee. Such members shall also be entitled to travel expenses and per diem in lieu of subsistence at the rates authorized by section 5703 of title 5 for all persons employed intermittently as consultants or experts receiving compensation on a per diem basis.

(d) Exemption from conflict-of-interest statutes

Service by an individual as a member of such an advisory committee shall not subject him to the provisions of section 1914 of title 18, or, except with respect to a particular matter which directly involves the Office of Coal Research or in which the Office of Coal Research is directly