

(2) has any known financial interest (A) in any person subject to such Acts, or (B) in any person who holds a mining claim within the boundaries of units of the National Park System;

shall, beginning on February 1, 1977, annually file with the Secretary a written statement concerning all such interests held by such officer or employee during the preceding calendar year. Such statement shall be available to the public.

#### (b) Enforcement procedures

The Secretary shall—

(1) act within ninety days after September 28, 1976—

(A) to define the term “known financial interest” for purposes of subsection (a) of this section; and

(B) to establish the methods by which the requirement to file written statements specified in subsection (a) of this section will be monitored and enforced, including appropriate provisions for the filing by such officers and employees of such statements and the review by the Secretary of such statements; and

(2) report to the Congress on June 1 of each calendar year with respect to such disclosures and the actions taken in regard thereto during the preceding calendar year.

#### (c) Exemptions

In the rules prescribed in subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary may identify specific positions within such agency which are of a non-regulatory or nonpolicymaking nature and provide that officers or employees occupying such positions shall be exempt from the requirements of this section.

#### (d) Violation; penalty

Any officer or employee who is subject to, and knowingly violates, this section or any regulation issued thereunder, shall be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(Pub. L. 94-429, §13, Sept. 28, 1976, 90 Stat. 1344.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is Pub. L. 94-429, which enacted this chapter, amended sections 123 and 450y-2 of this title, and repealed sections 350, 350a, 447, and 450z of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

#### TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of reporting provisions in subsec. (b)(2) of this section, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 110 of House Document No. 103-7.

### CHAPTER 40—SOIL AND WATER RESOURCES CONSERVATION

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#### § 2001. Congressional findings

The Congress finds that:

(1) There is a growing demand on the soil, water, and related resources of the Nation to meet present and future needs.

(2) The Congress, in its concern for sustained use of the resource base of the United States, has ensured that the Department of Agriculture possesses information, technical expertise, and a delivery system for providing assistance to land users with respect to conservation and use of soils; plants; woodlands; watershed protection and flood prevention; the conservation, development, utilization, and disposal of water; animal husbandry; fish and wildlife management; recreation; community development; and related resource uses.

(3) Appraisal and inventory of resources, assessment and inventory of conservation needs, evaluation of the effects of conservation practices, and analyses of alternative approaches to existing conservation programs are basic to effective soil, water, and related natural resource conservation.

(4) Since individual and governmental decisions concerning soil and water resources often transcend administrative boundaries and affect other programs and decisions, a coordinated appraisal and program framework are essential.

(Pub. L. 95-192, §2, Nov. 18, 1977, 91 Stat. 1407; Pub. L. 103-354, title II, §246(f)(2)(A), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3225; Pub. L. 110-234, title II, §2804(a), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1086; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title II, §2804(a), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1814.)

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

#### AMENDMENTS

2008—Par. (2). Pub. L. 110-246, §2804(a)(1), substituted “base of the” for “base, of the”.

Pars. (3), (4). Pub. L. 110-246, §2804(a)(2), added par. (3), redesignated former par. (3) as (4), and struck out “Resource appraisal is basic to effective soil and water conservation.” before “Since individual”.

1994—Par. (2). Pub. L. 103-354 struck out “created the Soil Conservation Service” after “resource base,” and substituted “, has ensured that the Department of Agriculture” for “Department of Agriculture which” after “United States”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 95-192 provided: “That this Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act of 1977.’”

#### § 2002. Definitions

As used in this chapter: