

**(g) Applicability of Federal Advisory Committee Act**

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) shall not apply to the committee.

(Pub. L. 110–114, title IX, §9003, Nov. 8, 2007, 121 Stat. 1288; Pub. L. 110–274, §1, July 15, 2008, 122 Stat. 2493.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in subsec. (g), is Pub. L. 92–463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 110–274 substituted “Subject to the availability of appropriations,” for “To the extent amounts are made available in advance in appropriations Acts,”.

“SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 110–114, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

**§ 3303. Inventory and inspection of levees**

**(a) Levee database**

**(1) In general**

Not later than one year after November 8, 2007, the Secretary shall establish and maintain a database with an inventory of the Nation’s levees.

**(2) Contents**

The database shall include—

(A) location information of all Federal levees in the Nation (including global information system information) and, for non-Federal levees, such information on levee location as is provided to the Secretary by State and local governmental agencies;

(B) utilizing such information as is available, the general condition of each levee; and

(C) an estimate of the number of structures and population at risk and protected by each levee that would be adversely impacted if the levee fails or water levels exceed the height of the levee.

**(3) Availability of information**

**(A) Availability to Federal, State, and local governmental agencies**

The Secretary shall make all of the information in the database available to appropriate Federal, State, and local governmental agencies.

**(B) Availability to the public**

The Secretary shall make the information in the database described in paragraph (2)(A), and such other information in the database as the Secretary determines appropriate, available to the public.

**(b) Inventory and inspection of levees**

**(1) Federal levees**

The Secretary, at Federal expense, shall establish an inventory and conduct an inspection of all federally owned and operated levees.

**(2) Federally constructed, nonfederally operated and maintained levees**

The Secretary shall establish an inventory and conduct an inspection of all federally con-

structed, non-federally operated and maintained levees, at the original cost share for the project.

**(3) Participating levees**

For non-Federal levees the owners of which are participating in the emergency response to natural disasters program established under section 701n of this title, the Secretary shall establish an inventory and conduct an inspection of each such levee if the owner of the levee requests such inspection. The Federal share of the cost of an inspection under this paragraph shall be 65 percent.

(Pub. L. 110–114, title IX, §9004, Nov. 8, 2007, 121 Stat. 1290.)

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**§ 3304. Limitations on statutory construction**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as—

(1) creating any liability of the United States or its officers or employees for the recovery of damages caused by an action or failure to act; or

(2) relieving an owner or operator of a levee of a legal duty, obligation, or liability incident to the ownership or operation of a levee.

(Pub. L. 110–114, title IX, §9005, Nov. 8, 2007, 121 Stat. 1290.)

**§ 3305. Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this chapter \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013.

(Pub. L. 110–114, title IX, §9006, Nov. 8, 2007, 121 Stat. 1291.)

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**SUBCHAPTER I—EXPLORATION**

**§ 3401. Purpose**

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish the national ocean exploration program and the