

**(e) Selection of proposed demonstrations; discretionary and mandatory criteria**

In selecting proposed demonstrations to be supported under this section, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, assure representation of diverse operating conditions and vehicle types including, but not limited to—

- (1) altitude and topography,
- (2) climatic conditions,
- (3) air quality conditions,
- (4) industrial, commercial, and agricultural uses,
- (5) varying vehicular structures, and
- (6) average trip lengths:

*Provided, however,* That not fewer than two demonstrations initiated in each year shall be located in a county or standard metropolitan statistical area designated by the Secretary upon recommendation of the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency based on severity or uniqueness of air quality conditions: *And provided further,* That the fleet or portions of fleets participating in each demonstration with funding under this chapter shall consist of not fewer than fifty vehicles except in the case of one demonstration each year involving methane-fueled off-road agricultural equipment.

(Pub. L. 96-512, § 7, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2830.)

**§ 3807. Use of methane-fueled vehicles by Federal agencies and departments**

The Secretary shall consult with the Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service, the Administrator of the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Defense, and the heads of other Federal agencies where appropriate to—

- (a) determine the practicability of using methane vehicles in the performance of certain or all of the functions of their agencies based in counties and standard metropolitan statistical areas in which demonstrations under section 3806 of this title are being conducted; and
- (b) arrange for appropriate use of methane-fueled vehicles at the earliest practicable date.

(Pub. L. 96-512, § 8, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2832.)

**§ 3808. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-66, title I, § 1051(p), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 717**

Section, Pub. L. 96-512, § 9, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2833, directed Secretary of Energy to submit such reports to Congress as Secretary deemed appropriate, including annual report on all activities under this chapter.

**§ 3809. Authorization of appropriations; required funding**

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for purposes of carrying out this chapter, not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, not less than one-half of which shall be for the purpose of making loans under section 3806(b) of this title; not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983, not less than one-half of which shall be for the purpose of making loans under section 3806(b) of this title; not to exceed

\$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, not less than one-half of which shall be for the purpose of making loans under section 3806(b) of this title; and such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal years ending September 30, 1985, and September 30, 1986. Any amount appropriated pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 96-512, § 10, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2833.)

**§ 3810. Relationship to other laws**

**(a) Modification or waiver**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as authorizing the Secretary or any other official with respect to any activity pursuant to this chapter to modify or waive the application of any Federal, State or local laws dealing with the production, transportation, storage, safety, use or pricing of methane.

**(b) Promulgation of rules**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as granting the Secretary or any other Federal official any authority to promulgate rules of general application to regulate the production, transportation, storage, safety, use or pricing of methane as a transportation fuel or vehicles which use methane as a transportation fuel.

(Pub. L. 96-512, § 11, Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2833.)

**CHAPTER 65—LIABILITY RISK RETENTION**

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**§ 3901. Definitions**

(a) As used in this chapter—

(1) “insurance” means primary insurance, excess insurance, reinsurance, surplus lines insurance, and any other arrangement for shifting and distributing risk which is determined to be insurance under applicable State or Federal law;

(2) “liability”—

(A) means legal liability for damages (including costs of defense, legal costs and fees, and other claims expenses) because of injuries to other persons, damage to their property, or other damage or loss to such other persons resulting from or arising out of—

(i) any business (whether profit or non-profit), trade, product, services (including professional services), premises, or operations, or

(ii) any activity of any State or local government, or any agency or political subdivision thereof; and

(B) does not include personal risk liability and an employer’s liability with respect to its employees other than legal liability under the Federal Employers’ Liability Act (45 U.S.C. 51 et seq.);

(3) “personal risk liability” means liability for damages because of injury to any person,