

State and private agencies with Secretary of the Interior who was directed to make information on relevant projects available. See section 7877(a) of this title.

Section 1961c-1, Pub. L. 88-379, title III, §301, July 17, 1964, 78 Stat. 332, related to lack of authority of Secretary of the Interior over water resources research of other Federal agencies and lack of effect that this chapter had on existing authorities and responsibilities of Federal agencies. See section 7881 of this title.

Section 1961c-2, Pub. L. 88-379, title III, §302, July 17, 1964, 78 Stat. 332, related to advance payments of initial expenses. See section 7818 of this title.

Section 1961c-3, Pub. L. 88-379, title III, §303, July 17, 1964, 78 Stat. 332, made expenditures of funds for scientific or technological research or development activity conditioned upon availability to public of resulting information and developments, and provided that background patent rights would be unaffected. See section 7879 of this title.

Section 1961c-4, Pub. L. 88-379, title III, §304, July 17, 1964, 78 Stat. 332, established a cataloging center. See section 7853 of this title.

Section 1961c-5, Pub. L. 88-379, title III, §305, July 17, 1964, 78 Stat. 332, related to interagency coordination of water resources research. See section 7877(b) of this title.

Section 1961c-6, Pub. L. 88-379, title III, §306, July 17, 1964, 78 Stat. 333; Pub. L. 92-175, §6, Dec. 2, 1971, 85 Stat. 494, defined "State". See section 7817 of this title.

Section 1961c-7, Pub. L. 88-379, title III, §307, as added Pub. L. 89-404, §2, Apr. 19, 1966, 80 Stat. 130, and amended Pub. L. 92-175, §7, Dec. 2, 1971, 85 Stat. 494, required Secretary of the Interior to make an annual report to the President and Congress. See section 7880 of this title.

Section 1961c-8, Pub. L. 88-379, title III, §308, as added Pub. L. 92-175, §8, Dec. 2, 1971, 85 Stat. 494, empowered Secretary of the Interior to convey excess personal property to cooperating institutes, educational institutions and nonprofit organizations. See section 7878 of this title.

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### § 1962. Congressional statement of policy

In order to meet the rapidly expanding demands for water throughout the Nation, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the Congress to encourage the conservation, development, and utilization of water and related land resources of the United States on a comprehensive and coordinated basis by the Federal Government, States, localities, and private enterprise with the cooperation of all affected Federal agencies, States, local governments, individuals, corporations, business enterprises, and others concerned.

(Pub. L. 89-80, §2, July 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 244.)

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 93-251, title I, §109, Mar. 16, 1974, 88 Stat. 49, provided that: "This title [enacting sections 1962d-5c and 1962d-15 to 1962d-17 of this title, section 460ee of Title 16, Conservation, and sections 50c-2, 50k, 579, 701b-11, and 1252a of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, amending section 4482 of this title, sections 460l-13(a), (a)(3) and 460l-14(b)(1) of Title 16, section 275a of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse, and sections 701g, 701n, 701r, 701r-1(c), 701s, 709a(b), and 1165a(d) of Title 33, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1962d-5 and 1962d-7 of this title and section 460l-13 of Title 16] may be cited as the 'Water Resources Development Act of 1974'."

#### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 89-80, §1, July 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 244, provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Water Resources Planning Act'."

#### UNITED STATES-MEXICO TRANSBOUNDARY AQUIFER ASSESSMENT

Pub. L. 109-448, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3328, provided that:

#### "SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

"This Act may be cited as the 'United States-Mexico Transboundary Aquifer Assessment Act'.

#### "SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

"The purpose of this Act is to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a United States-Mexico transboundary aquifer assessment program to systematically assess priority transboundary aquifers.

#### "SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

"In this Act:

"(1) AQUIFER.—The term 'aquifer' means a subsurface water-bearing geologic formation from which significant quantities of water may be extracted.

"(2) IBWC.—The term 'IBWC' means the International Boundary and Water Commission, an agency of the Department of State.

"(3) INDIAN TRIBE.—The term 'Indian tribe' means an Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community—

"(A) that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians; and

"(B) the reservation of which includes a transboundary aquifer within the exterior boundaries of the reservation.

"(4) PARTICIPATING STATE.—The term 'Participating State' means each of the States of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.

"(5) PRIORITY TRANSBOUNDARY AQUIFER.—The term 'priority transboundary aquifer' means a transboundary aquifer that has been designated for study and analysis under the program.

"(6) PROGRAM.—The term 'program' means the United States-Mexico transboundary aquifer assessment program established under section 4(a).

"(7) RESERVATION.—The term 'reservation' means land that has been set aside or that has been acknowledged as having been set aside by the United States for the use of an Indian tribe, the exterior boundaries of which are more particularly defined in a final tribal treaty, agreement, executive order, Federal statute, secretarial order, or judicial determination.

"(8) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey.

"(9) TRANSBOUNDARY AQUIFER.—The term 'transboundary aquifer' means an aquifer that underlies the boundary between a Participating State and Mexico.

"(10) TRI-REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP.—The term 'Tri-Regional Planning Group' means the binational planning group comprised of—

"(A) the Junta Municipal de Agua y Saneamiento de Ciudad Juarez;

"(B) the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board; and

"(C) the Lower Rio Grande Water Users Organization.

"(11) WATER RESOURCES RESEARCH INSTITUTES.—The term 'water resources research institutes' means the institutes within the Participating States established under section 104 of the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 (42 U.S.C. 10303).

#### "SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consultation and cooperation with the Participating States, the water resources research institutes, Sandia National Laboratories, and other appropriate entities in the United States and Mexico, and the IBWC, as appropriate, shall carry out the United States-Mexico transboundary aquifer assessment program to characterize, map, and model priority transboundary aquifers along the United States-Mexico border at a level of detail determined to be appropriate for the particular aquifer.

"(b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the program are to—

"(1) develop and implement an integrated scientific approach to identify and assess priority transboundary aquifers, including—

"(A) for purposes of subsection (c)(2), specifying priority transboundary aquifers for further analysis by assessing—

"(i) the proximity of a proposed priority transboundary aquifer to areas of high population density;

"(ii) the extent to which a proposed priority transboundary aquifer would be used;

"(iii) the susceptibility of a proposed priority transboundary aquifer to contamination; and

"(iv) any other relevant criteria;

"(B) evaluating all available data and publications as part of the development of study plans for each priority transboundary aquifer;

"(C) creating a new, or enhancing an existing, geographic information system database to characterize the spatial and temporal aspects of each priority transboundary aquifer; and

"(D) using field studies, including support for and expansion of ongoing monitoring and metering efforts, to develop—