

(1) facilitate and develop partnerships among government, industrial enterprises, and institutions of higher education to research, identify, assess, and explore methane hydrate resources;

(2) undertake programs to develop basic information necessary for promoting long-term interest in methane hydrate resources as an energy source;

(3) ensure that the data and information developed through the program are accessible and widely disseminated as needed and appropriate;

(4) promote cooperation among agencies that are developing technologies that may hold promise for methane hydrate resource development;

(5) report annually to Congress on the results of actions taken to carry out this chapter; and

(6) ensure, to the maximum extent practicable, greater participation by the Department of Energy in international cooperative efforts.

(Pub. L. 106-193, § 4, as added Pub. L. 109-58, title IX, § 968(a), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 895.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 4 of Pub. L. 106-193 was set out in a note under section 1902 of this title prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 106-193 by Pub. L. 109-58.

### § 2004. National Research Council study

#### (a) Agreement for Study

The Secretary shall offer to enter into an agreement with the National Research Council under which the National Research Council shall—

(1) conduct a study of the progress made under the methane hydrate research and development program implemented under this chapter; and

(2) make recommendations for future methane hydrate research and development needs.

#### (b) Report

Not later than September 30, 2009, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing the findings and recommendations of the National Research Council under this section.

(Pub. L. 106-193, § 5, as added Pub. L. 109-58, title IX, § 968(a), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 898.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5 of Pub. L. 106-193 was set out in a note under section 1902 of this title prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 106-193 by Pub. L. 109-58.

### § 2005. Reports and studies for Congress

The Secretary shall provide to the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate copies of any report or study that the Department of Energy prepares at the direction of any committee of Congress relating to the methane hydrate research and development program implemented under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 106-193, § 6, as added Pub. L. 109-58, title IX, § 968(a), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 898.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 6 of Pub. L. 106-193 was set out in a note under section 1902 of this title prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 106-193 by Pub. L. 109-58.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Science of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Science and Technology of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007. Committee on Science and Technology of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Twelfth Congress, Jan. 5, 2011.

### § 2006. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this chapter, to remain available until expended—

(1) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2006;

(2) \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2007;

(3) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2008;

(4) \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

(5) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2010.

(Pub. L. 106-193, § 7, as added Pub. L. 109-58, title IX, § 968(a), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 898.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7 of Pub. L. 106-193 was set out in a note under section 1902 of this title prior to the general amendment of Pub. L. 106-193 by Pub. L. 109-58.