

§ 7705e. Post-earthquake investigations program

There is established within the United States Geological Survey a post-earthquake investigations program, the purpose of which is to investigate major earthquakes, so as to learn lessons which can be applied to reduce the loss of lives and property in future earthquakes. The United States Geological Survey, in consultation with each Program agency, shall organize investigations to study the implications of the earthquake in the areas of responsibility of each Program agency. The investigations shall begin as rapidly as possible and may be conducted by grantees and contractors. The Program agencies shall ensure that the results of investigations are disseminated widely. The Director of the Survey is authorized to utilize earthquake expertise from the Agency, the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, other Federal agencies, and private contractors, on a reimbursable basis, in the conduct of such earthquake investigations. At a minimum, investigations under this section shall include—

- (1) analysis by the National Science Foundation and the United States Geological Survey of the causes of the earthquake and the nature of the resulting ground motion;
- (2) analysis by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology of the behavior of structures and lifelines, both those that were damaged and those that were undamaged; and
- (3) analysis by each of the Program agencies of the effectiveness of the earthquake hazards mitigation programs and actions relating to its area of responsibility under the Program, and how those programs and actions could be strengthened.

(Pub. L. 95-124, §11, as added Pub. L. 101-614, §11(a), Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3239.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of all functions, personnel, assets, components, authorities, grant programs, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Under Secretary for Federal Emergency Management relating thereto, to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, see section 315(a)(1) of Title 6, Domestic Security.

For transfer of functions, personnel, assets, and liabilities of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including the functions of the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency relating thereto, to the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see former section 313(1) and sections 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

REPORT ON FUNDING OF PROGRAM

Pub. L. 101-614, §11(b), Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 3239, directed Director of Federal Emergency Management Agency in consultation with other agencies of National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, not later than one year after Nov. 16, 1990, to report to Congress on possible options for funding a program for post-earthquake investigations, which would, at a minimum, consider funding such a program either by setting aside a percentage of disaster relief funds provided by Federal Emergency Management Agency after a major earthquake or by a revolving fund, and which

would also include a recommendation on how the funding for such investigations would be allocated among the other Program agencies.

§ 7706. Authorization of appropriations**(a) General authorization for program**

(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry out the provisions of sections 7704 and 7705¹ of this title (in addition to any authorizations for similar purposes included in other Acts and the authorizations set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of this section), not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978, not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, and not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980.

(2) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director to carry out the provisions of sections 7704 and 7705¹ of this title for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981—

(A) \$1,000,000 for continuation of the Inter-agency Committee on Seismic Safety in Construction and the Building Seismic Safety Council programs,

(B) \$1,500,000 for plans and preparedness for earthquake disasters,

(C) \$500,000 for prediction response planning,

(D) \$600,000 for architectural and engineering planning and practice programs,

(E) \$1,000,000 for development and application of a public education program,

(F) \$3,000,000 for use by the National Science Foundation in addition to the amount authorized to be appropriated under subsection (c) of this section, which amount includes \$2,400,000 for earthquake policy research and \$600,000 for the strong ground motion element of the siting program, and

(G) \$1,000,000 for use by the Center for Building Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology in addition to the amount authorized to be appropriated under subsection (d) of this section for earthquake activities in the Center.

(3) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, \$2,000,000 to carry out the provisions of sections 7704 and 7705¹ of this title.

(4) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director, to carry out the provisions of sections 7704 and 7705¹ of this title, \$1,281,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983.

(5) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director, to carry out the provisions of sections 7704 and 7705¹ of this title, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1984, \$3,705,000, and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, \$6,096,000.

(6) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director, to carry out the provisions of sections 7704 and 7705¹ of this title, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1986, \$5,596,000, and for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1987, \$5,848,000.

(7) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator of the Agency, to carry out this chapter, \$5,778,000 for the fiscal year ending

¹ See References in Text note below.