

(2) many of these studies have often been based on erroneous data;

(3) Federal research activities are currently being conducted by the Department of Agriculture to determine the true extent to which agricultural activities contribute to air pollution and to determine cost-effective ways in which the agricultural industry can reduce any pollution that exists; and

(4) any Federal policy recommendations that may be issued by any Federal agency to address air pollution problems related to agriculture or any other industrial activity should be based on sound scientific findings that are subject to adequate peer review and should take into account economic feasibility.

**(b) Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to encourage the Secretary of Agriculture to continue to strengthen vital research efforts related to agricultural air quality.

**(c) Oversight coordination**

**(1) Intergovernmental cooperation**

The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable with respect to the Department of Agriculture and other Federal departments and agencies, ensure intergovernmental cooperation in research activities related to agricultural air quality and avoid duplication of the activities.

**(2) Correct data**

The Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, ensure that the results of any research related to agricultural air quality conducted by Federal agencies not report erroneous data with respect to agricultural air quality.

**(d) Task force**

**(1) Establishment**

The Chief of the National Resources Conservation Service shall establish a task force to address agricultural air quality issues.

**(2) Composition**

The task force shall be comprised of employees of the Department of Agriculture, industry representatives, and other experts in the fields of agriculture and air quality.

**(3) Duties**

The task force shall advise the Secretary with respect to the role of the Secretary for providing oversight and coordination related to agricultural air quality.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title III, §391, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1025.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996, and not as part of subtitle F (§1471 et seq.) of title XIV of Pub. L. 101-624 which comprises this chapter.

**CHAPTER 86—WATER QUALITY RESEARCH, EDUCATION, AND COORDINATION**

Sec.

5501 to 5505. Repealed.

5506. Water policy with respect to agrichemicals.

**§§ 5501 to 5505. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-185, title III, § 302(c), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 563**

Section 5501, Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1481, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3622; Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, §831, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1168, set forth short title and purpose of chapter, provided definitions, and authorized appropriations.

Section 5502, Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1482, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3622, related to soil and water activities.

Section 5503, Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1483, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3623; Pub. L. 102-237, title II, §201(e), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1847, required establishment of water quality coordination program within each State.

Section 5504, Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1484, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3624, established water quality and nutrient management research program.

Section 5505, Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1485, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3626; Pub. L. 102-237, title II, §201(f), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1847; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1011(r), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 710, directed establishment of repository of agriculture and ground water quality planning information.

**§ 5506. Water policy with respect to agrichemicals**

**(a) Authority**

The Department of Agriculture shall be the principal Federal agency responsible and accountable for the development and delivery of educational programs, technical assistance, and research programs for the users and dealers of agrichemicals to insure that—

(1) the use, storage, and disposal of agrichemicals by users is prudent, economical, and environmentally sound; and

(2) agrichemical users, dealers, and the general public understand the implications of their actions and the potential effects on water.

The Secretary is authorized to undertake such programs and assistance in cooperation with other Federal, State, and local governments and agencies, and appropriate nonprofit organizations. The Secretary shall disseminate the results of efforts in extension, technical assistance, research, and related activities. The Secretary shall undertake activities under this subtitle in coordination with the Office of Agricultural Environmental Quality in section 5402 of this title.

**(b) Effect on existing authority**

The authority granted in subsection (a) does not alter or effect the responsibility of the Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq.).

**(c) Participation**

The following agencies shall participate in the Department's water program: the Agricultural Research Service; the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service; the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, in conjunction with the system of State agricultural experiment stations and State and county cooperative extension services; the Economic Research Service; the Forest Service; the National Agricultural Library; the National Agricultural Statistics Service; the Soil Conservation Service; and other agencies within the Department deemed appropriate by the Secretary.