

1999—Pub. L. 106-148 substituted “geologic map database” for “geologic-map data base” in section catchline, added subsec. (a), and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (a). Text read as follows: “The Survey shall establish a national geologic-map data base. Such data base shall be a national archive that includes all maps developed pursuant to sections 31a to 31h of this title, the data bases developed pursuant to the investigations under sections 31c(d)(2)(C), (D), (E), and (F) of this title, and other maps and data as the Survey deems appropriate.”

1997—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-36 added subsec. (b) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (b). Text read as follows: “Geologic maps contributed to the national archives should have standardized format, symbols, and technical attributes so that archival information can be assimilated, manipulated, accessed, exchanged, and compared efficiently and accurately.”

### § 31g. Biennial report

Not later than 3 years after March 30, 2009, and biennially thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report that—

- (1) describes the status of the national geologic mapping program;
- (2) describes and evaluates the progress achieved during the preceding 2 years in developing the national geologic map database; and
- (3) includes any recommendations that the Secretary may have for legislative or other action to achieve the purposes of sections 31c through 31f of this title.

(Pub. L. 102-285, § 8, as added Pub. L. 106-148, § 8, Dec. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1724; amended Pub. L. 111-11, title XI, § 11001(h), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1415.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 31g, Pub. L. 102-285, § 8, May 18, 1992, 106 Stat. 171; Pub. L. 103-437, § 16(a)(1), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4594; Pub. L. 105-36, § 3(f), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1111; Pub. L. 105-362, title IX, § 902(b), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3291, directed the Secretary to submit a biennial report to Congress describing the status of the nationwide geologic mapping program and evaluating the progress achieved during the preceding fiscal year in developing the national geologic-map data base, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 106-148, § 8, Dec. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1724.

#### AMENDMENTS

2009—Pub. L. 111-11 substituted “Not later than 3 years after March 30, 2009, and biennially” for “Not later 3 years after December 9, 1999, and biennially”.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

### § 31h. Authorization of appropriations

#### (a) In general

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out sections 31a to 31h of this title \$64,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2018.

#### (b) Allocation of appropriations

Of any amounts appropriated for any fiscal year in excess of the amount appropriated for fiscal year 2005—

(1) 50 percent shall be available for the State component; and

(2) 4 percent shall be available for the education component.

(Pub. L. 102-285, § 9, as added Pub. L. 106-148, § 9, Dec. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1724; amended Pub. L. 111-11, title XI, § 11001(i), Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1416.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 31a to 31h of this title, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 102-285, known as the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992, which is classified principally to sections 31a to 31h of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 31a of this title and Tables.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 31h, Pub. L. 102-285, § 9, May 18, 1992, 106 Stat. 171; Pub. L. 105-36, § 3(g), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 1111, authorized appropriations for the national cooperative geologic mapping program, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 106-148, § 9, Dec. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1724.

#### AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-11, § 11001(i)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a) which appropriated funds to carry out sections 31a to 31h of this title for fiscal years 1999 to 2005.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 111-11, § 11001(i)(2)(A), substituted “2005” for “2000” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 111-11, § 11001(i)(2)(B), substituted “50” for “48”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 111-11, § 11001(i)(2)(C), which directed amendment of par. (2) “by striking 2 and inserting ‘4’”, was executed by substituting “4” for “2”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

### § 31i. Report on resource research activities

Once every five years the National Academy of Sciences shall review and report on the resource research activities of the Survey.

(Pub. L. 104-134, title I, § 101(c) [title I], Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-156, 1321-165; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 104-140, § 1(a), May 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 1327.)

### § 31j. Biological research activity of Survey; review and report by National Academy of Sciences

Beginning in fiscal year 1998 and once every five years thereafter, the National Academy of Sciences shall review and report on the biological research activity of the Survey.

(Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, § 101(d) [title I], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-181, 3009-189.)

### § 32. Acting Director

The Secretary of the Interior may authorize one of the geologists to act as Director of the United States Geological Survey in the absence of that officer.

(July 31, 1894, ch. 174, § 1, 28 Stat. 197; Pub. L. 102-154, title I, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1000.)

#### CHANGE OF NAME

“United States Geological Survey” substituted in text for “Geological Survey” pursuant to provision of title I of Pub. L. 102-154, set out as a note under section 31 of this title.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

**§ 33. Repealed. Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, § 53, 70A Stat. 641**

Section, act June 16, 1880, ch. 235, 21 Stat. 274, authorized Secretary of War to detail officers of Ordnance Corps to serve with Geological Survey.

**§ 34. Scientific employees**

The scientific employees of the United States Geological Survey shall be selected by the Director, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior exclusively for their qualifications as professional experts.

(July 7, 1884, ch. 332, 23 Stat. 212; Pub. L. 102-154, title I, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1000.)

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## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

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**§ 35. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-304, § 9(a)(2), Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 664**

Section, act June 30, 1906, ch. 3914, §1, 34 Stat. 727, authorized scientific and other employees of the United States Geological Survey employed in the field to make assignments of pay, and that they be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the discharge of duty in the field and paid from personal funds. See section 5525 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**§ 36. Purchase of books**

The purchase of professional and scientific books and periodicals needed for statistical purposes by the scientific divisions of the United States Geological Survey is authorized to be made and paid for out of appropriations made for the said Survey.

(June 28, 1902, ch. 1301, §1, 32 Stat. 455.)

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

**§ 36a. Acquisition of scientific or technical books, maps, etc., for library**

The Director of the United States Geological Survey, under the general supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, is authorized to acquire for the United States, by gift or devise, scientific or technical books, manuscripts,

maps, and related materials, and to deposit the same in the library of the United States Geological Survey for reference and use as authorized by law.

(May 14, 1940, ch. 190, 54 Stat. 212; Pub. L. 102-154, title I, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1000.)

## CHANGE OF NAME

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## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out under section 1451 of this title.

**§ 36b. Acquisition of lands or interests therein for use in gaging streams or underground water resources**

The Secretary of the Interior may, on behalf of the United States and for use by the United States Geological Survey in gaging streams and underground water resources, acquire lands by donation or when funds have been appropriated by Congress by purchase or condemnation, but not in excess of ten acres for any one stream gaging station or observation well site. For the same purpose the Secretary of the Interior may obtain easements, licenses, rights-of-way, and leases limited to run for such a period of time or term of years as may be required for the effective performance of the function of gaging streams and underground water resources: *Provided*, That nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting or intended to affect or in any way to interfere with the laws of any State or Territory relating to the control, appropriation, use, or distribution of water used in irrigation, or any vested right acquired thereunder, and the Secretary of the Interior, in carrying out the provisions of this section, shall proceed in conformity with such laws, and nothing in this section shall in any way affect any right of any State or of the Federal Government or of any landowner, appropriator, or user of water, in, to, or from any interstate stream or the waters thereof.

(Dec. 24, 1942, ch. 822, 56 Stat. 1086; Pub. L. 86-406, Apr. 4, 1960, 74 Stat. 14; Pub. L. 102-154, title I, Nov. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1000.)

## AMENDMENTS

1960—Pub. L. 86-406 authorized Secretary of the Interior to acquire lands and interests in lands for observation well sites to gage underground water resources.

## CHANGE OF NAME

“United States Geological Survey” substituted in text for “Geological Survey” pursuant to provision of title I of Pub. L. 102-154, set out as a note under section 31 of this title.

**§ 36c. Acceptance of contributions from public and private sources; cooperation with other agencies in prosecution of projects**

In fiscal year 1987 and thereafter the United States Geological Survey is authorized to accept