

vided, however, That he may modify and adjust the terms and conditions of any contract to reduce the amount and term of any royalty payment when he shall determine that such action is necessary and in the public interest: *Provided further*, That no such single contract shall authorize Government participation in excess of \$250,000.

**(f) Availability of funds**

No funds shall be made available under this chapter unless the applicant shall furnish evidence that funds from commercial sources are unavailable on reasonable terms.

(Pub. L. 85-701, § 2, Aug. 21, 1958, 72 Stat. 700.)

**§ 643. “Exploration” defined**

As used in this chapter, the term “exploration” means the search for new or unexplored deposits of minerals, including related development work, within the United States, its Territories and possessions, whether conducted from the surface or underground, using recognized and sound procedures including standard geophysical and geochemical methods for obtaining mineralogical and geological information.

(Pub. L. 85-701, § 3, Aug. 21, 1958, 72 Stat. 701.)

**§ 644. Advice and assistance by Government departments and agencies; expenditure of funds**

Departments and agencies of the Government are authorized to advise and assist the Secretary of the Interior, upon his request, in carrying out the provisions of this chapter and may expend their funds for such purposes, with or without reimbursement, in accordance with such agreements as may be necessary.

(Pub. L. 85-701, § 4, Aug. 21, 1958, 72 Stat. 701.)

**§ 645. Repealed. Pub. L. 93-608, § 1(13), Jan. 2, 1975, 88 Stat. 1969**

Section, Pub. L. 85-701, § 5, Aug. 21, 1958, 72 Stat. 701; Pub. L. 89-348, § 2(5), Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1312, required Secretary of the Interior to report to Congress on operations of programs authorized pursuant to this chapter.

**§ 646. Authorization of appropriations**

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, from any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 85-701, § 6, Aug. 21, 1958, 72 Stat. 701.)

**CHAPTER 18—COAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

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**§ 661. Short title; definitions**

(a) This chapter may be cited as the “Coal Research and Development Act of 1960”.

(b) In this chapter:

(1) The term “research” means scientific, technical, and economic research and the practical application of that research.

(2) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.

(Pub. L. 86-599, § 1, as added Pub. L. 109-58, title X, § 1009(a)(1)(A), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 934.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 661, Pub. L. 86-599, § 1, July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 336, defined terms for purposes of this chapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109-58, title X, § 1009(a)(1)(A), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 934.

**§ 662. Powers and duties of Secretary**

The Secretary shall—

(1) develop through research, new and more efficient methods of mining, preparing, and utilizing coal;

(2) contract for, sponsor, cosponsor, and promote the coordination of, research with recognized interested groups, including but not limited to, coal trade associations, coal research associations, educational institutions, and agencies of States and political subdivisions of States;

(3) establish technical advisory committees composed of recognized experts in various aspects of coal research to assist in the examination and evaluation of research progress and of all research proposals and contracts and to insure the avoidance of duplication of research; and

(4) cooperate to the fullest extent possible with other departments, agencies, and independent establishments of the Federal Government and with State governments, and with all other interested agencies, governmental and nongovernmental.

(Pub. L. 86-599, § 2, July 7, 1960, 74 Stat. 336; Pub. L. 109-58, title X, § 1009(a)(1)(B), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 934.)

AMENDMENTS

2005—Pub. L. 109-58 struck out “shall establish within the Department of the Interior an Office of Coal Research, and through such Office” after “The Secretary” in introductory provisions.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Advisory committees in existence on Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period following Jan. 5, 1973, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. Advisory committees established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a committee established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such committee is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a committee established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. See section 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.