

ABOLITION OF HOUSE COMMITTEE ON MERCHANT MARINE
AND FISHERIES

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of House of Representatives abolished and its jurisdiction transferred by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Fourth Congress, Jan. 4, 1995. Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries of House of Representatives treated as referring to Committee on Resources of House of Representatives in case of provisions relating to fisheries, wildlife, international fishing agreements, marine affairs (including coastal zone management) except for measures relating to oil and other pollution of navigable waters, or oceanography by section 1(b)(3) of Pub. L. 104-14, set out as a note preceding section 21 of Title 2, The Congress. 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.

**CHAPTER 50—CHESAPEAKE BAY RESEARCH
COORDINATION**

§§ 3001 to 3007. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Sections 3001 to 3007 were omitted pursuant to section 3007 which provided that this chapter terminated Sept. 30, 1984.

Section 3001, Pub. L. 96-460, §2, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2044, stated the Congressional findings and purposes for this chapter.

Section 3002, Pub. L. 96-460, §3, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2045, defined terms for the purposes of this chapter.

Section 3003, Pub. L. 96-460, §4, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2045, required the Secretary of Commerce to establish in the Department of Commerce an office for Chesapeake Bay Research Coordination.

Section 3004, Pub. L. 96-460, §5, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2046, established the Chesapeake Bay Research Board.

Section 3005, Pub. L. 96-460, §6, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2047, authorized appropriations to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

Section 3006, Pub. L. 96-460, §7, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2047, established the relationship between this chapter and existing Federal, State, and local authority.

Section 3007, Pub. L. 96-460, §8, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2048, provided that this chapter and the authority conferred by it would terminate Sept. 30, 1984.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 96-460, §1, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2044, provided that this chapter may be cited as the "Chesapeake Bay Research Coordination Act of 1980".

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EX. ORD. NO. 13580. INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON CO-
ORDINATION OF DOMESTIC ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND
PERMITTING IN ALASKA

Ex. Ord. No. 13580, July 12, 2011, 76 F.R. 41989, pro-
vided:

By the authority vested in me as President by the
Constitution and the laws of the United States of
America, and in order to establish an interagency
working group to coordinate the efforts of Federal
agencies responsible for overseeing the safe and respon-
sible development of onshore and offshore energy re-
sources and associated infrastructure in Alaska and to
help reduce our dependence on foreign oil, it is hereby
ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. *Policy.* Interagency coordination is impor-
tant for the safe, responsible, and efficient development
of oil and natural gas resources in Alaska, both onshore
and on the Alaska Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), while
protecting human health and the environment, as well
as indigenous populations. A number of executive de-
partments and agencies (agencies) are charged with en-
suring that resource development projects in Alaska
comply with health, safety, and environmental protec-
tion standards. To formalize and promote ongoing
interagency coordination, this order establishes a high-
level, interagency working group that will facilitate
coordinated and efficient domestic energy development
and permitting in Alaska while ensuring that all appli-
cable standards are fully met.

SEC. 2. *Establishment.* There is established an Inter-
agency Working Group on Coordination of Domestic
Energy Development and Permitting in Alaska (Work-
ing Group), led by the Department of the Interior.

SEC. 3. *Membership.* (a) The Deputy Secretary of the
Interior shall serve as Chair of the Working Group and
coordinate its work. The Working Group shall also in-
clude deputy-level representatives or officials at the
equivalent level, designated by the head of the respec-
tive agency, from:

- (i) the Department of Defense;
- (ii) the Department of Commerce;
- (iii) the Department of Agriculture;
- (iv) the Department of Energy;
- (v) the Department of Homeland Security;
- (vi) the Environmental Protection Agency; and
- (vii) the Office of the Federal Coordinator for Alaska
Natural Gas Transportation Projects.

(b) The Domestic Policy Council shall work closely
with the Chair of the Working Group and assist in the
interagency coordination functions described in section
4 of this order. To maximize coordination with Na-
tional Security Policy Directive-66 (NSPD-66), "Arctic
Region Policy;" Executive Order 13547 of July 19, 2010
("Stewardship of the Ocean, Our Coasts, and the Great
Lakes"); the National Response Framework; the Na-
tional Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency
Plan (National Contingency Plan); and other rel-
evant Federal policy initiatives, the Working Group
shall also include deputy-level representatives or offi-
cials at the equivalent level, designated by the head of
the respective agency or office, from:

- (i) the Council on Environmental Quality;
 - (ii) the Office of Science and Technology Policy;
 - (iii) the Office of Management and Budget; and
 - (iv) the National Security Staff.
- (c) The Working Group shall consult with other agen-
cies and offices, as appropriate, in order to facilitate
the sharing of information and best practices.

(d) Members of the Working Group shall meet peri-
odically and on a schedule coordinated with significant
milestones in the various permitting cycles. Staff from
the participating agencies shall meet as appropriate to
facilitate the functions of the Working Group.

SEC. 4. *Functions.* Consistent with the authorities and
responsibilities of participating agencies, the Working
Group shall perform the following functions:

(a) facilitate orderly and efficient decisionmaking re-
garding the issuance of permits and conduct of environ-
mental reviews for onshore and offshore energy devel-
opment projects in Alaska;

(b) ensure that the schedules and progress of agency
regulatory and permitting activities are coordinated
appropriately, that they operate efficiently and effec-
tively, and that agencies assist one another, as appro-
priate;

(c) facilitate the sharing of application and project
information among agencies, including information re-
garding anticipated timelines and milestones;

(d) ensure the sharing and integrity of scientific and
environmental information and cultural and tradi-
tional knowledge among agencies to support the permit
evaluation process of onshore and offshore energy de-
velopment projects in Alaska;

(e) engage in longterm planning and ensure coordina-
tion with the appropriate Federal entities related to
such issues as oil spill prevention, preparedness and re-
sponse, and the development of necessary infrastruc-
ture to adequately support energy development in Alas-
ka;

(f) coordinate Federal engagement with States, local-
ities, and tribal governments, as it relates to energy
development and permitting issues in Alaska, includ-
ing:

(i) designating a primary point of contact to facili-
tate coordination with the State of Alaska;

(ii) designating a primary point of contact to facili-
tate coordination with local communities, govern-
ments, tribes, co-management organizations, and simi-
lar Alaska Native organizations;

(g) collaborate on stakeholder outreach; and

(h) promote interagency dialogue with respect to
communications with industry regarding Alaska off-
shore and onshore energy development and permitting
issues.

SEC. 5. *General Provisions.* (a) This order shall be im-
plemented consistent with applicable law and subject to
the availability of appropriations.

(b) The Department of the Interior shall provide ad-
ministrative support for the Working Group to the ex-
tent permitted by law.

(c) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair
or otherwise affect:

(i) the authority granted by law to an executive de-
partment, agency, or the head thereof; or

(ii) the functions of the Director of the Office of Man-
agement and Budget relating to budgetary, administra-
tive, or legislative proposals.

(d) This order is not intended to, and does not, create
any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforce-
able at law or in equity by any party against the
United States, its departments, agencies, or entities,
its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

BARACK OBAMA.

[Reference to the National Security Staff deemed to
be a reference to the National Security Council Staff,
see Ex. Ord. No. 13657, set out as a note under section
3021 of Title 50, War and National Defense.]

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 3101. Congressional statement of purpose

(a) Establishment of units

In order to preserve for the benefit, use, edu-
cation, and inspiration of present and future
generations certain lands and waters in the
State of Alaska that contain nationally signifi-