

(5) to exercise such authorities as may be necessary and incidental to carrying out its responsibilities and duties under this chapter. (Pub. L. 98-373, title II, §210, July 31, 1984, 98 Stat. 1253; Pub. L. 100-418, title V, §5183, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1454.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Par. (4). Pub. L. 100-418 substituted “nonreimbursable” for “reimbursable”.

§ 1810. Authorization of appropriations

There are hereby authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this chapter a sum not to exceed \$500,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985, and such sums as may be necessary thereafter: *Provided*, That the authority provided for in this chapter shall expire on September 30, 1992, unless otherwise authorized by Congress.

(Pub. L. 98-373, title II, §211, July 31, 1984, 98 Stat. 1254; Pub. L. 100-418, title V, §5184, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1454.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-418 substituted “1992” for “1990”.

§ 1811. “Materials” defined

As used in this chapter, the term “materials” has the meaning given it by section 1601(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 98-373, title II, §212, July 31, 1984, 98 Stat. 1254.)

CHAPTER 31—MARINE MINERAL RESOURCES RESEARCH

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§ 1901. Definitions

In this chapter:

- (1) The term “contract” has the same meaning as “procurement contract” in section 6303 of title 31.
- (2) The term “cooperative agreement” has the same meaning as in section 6305 of title 31.
- (3) The term “eligible entity” means—
 - (A) a research or educational entity chartered or incorporated under Federal or State law;
 - (B) an individual who is a United States citizen; or
 - (C) a State or regional agency.
- (4) The term “grant” has the same meaning as “grant agreement” in section 6304 of title 31.
- (5) The term “in-kind contribution” means a noncash contribution provided by a non-Federal entity that directly benefits and is related to a specific project or program. An in-kind contribution may include real property, equipment, supplies, other expendable property, goods, and services.
- (6) The term “marine mineral resource” means—

- (A) sand and aggregates;
- (B) placers;
- (C) phosphates;
- (D) manganese nodules;
- (E) cobalt crusts;
- (F) metal sulfides;
- (G) for purposes of this section and sections 1902 through 1905 of this title only, methane hydrate; and
- (H) other marine resources that are not—
 - (i) oil and gas;
 - (ii) fisheries; or
 - (iii) marine mammals.

- (7) The term “methane hydrate” means—
 - (A) a methane clathrate that is in the form of a methane-water ice-like crystalline material and is stable and occurs naturally in deep-ocean and permafrost areas; and
 - (B) other natural gas hydrates found in association with deep-ocean and permafrost deposits of methane hydrate.

- (8) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(Pub. L. 91-631, title II, §201, as added Pub. L. 104-325, §2(3), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3994; amended Pub. L. 106-193, §4, May 2, 2000, 114 Stat. 236.)

AMENDMENTS

2000—Par. (6)(G), (H). Pub. L. 106-193, §4(1), added subpar. (G) and redesignated former subpar. (G) as (H).
 Pars. (7), (8). Pub. L. 106-193, §4(2), (3), added par. (7) and redesignated former par. (7) as (8).

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 104-325, §1, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3994, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Marine Mineral Resources Research Act of 1996’.”

§ 1902. Research program

(a) In general

The Secretary shall establish and carry out a program of research on marine mineral resources.

(b) Program goal

- The goal of the program shall be to—
- (1) promote research, identification, assessment, and exploration of marine mineral resources in an environmentally responsible manner;
 - (2) assist in developing domestic technologies required for efficient and environmentally sound development of marine mineral resources;
 - (3) coordinate and promote the use of technologies developed with Federal assistance, and the use of available Federal assets, for research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of marine mineral resources; and
 - (4) encourage academia and industry to conduct basic and applied research, on a joint basis, through grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts with the Federal Government.

(c) Responsibilities of Secretary

In carrying out the program, the Secretary shall—

- (1) promote and coordinate partnerships between industry, government, and academia to