

(A) to streamline the process of collecting covered data in accordance with the protocol established under subsection (c)(1); and

(B) to maintain transparency of such process and the database established under subsection (f).

**(2) Sharing information**

The Administrator shall establish a process for sharing among participants information relevant to collecting and using covered data for—

- (A) academic research;
- (B) private sector use;
- (C) public outreach; and
- (D) such other purposes as the Administrator considers appropriate.

**(3) Consultation**

In carrying out paragraphs (1) and (2), the Administrator shall consult with the following:

- (A) The Commanding General of the Corps of Engineers.
- (B) The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- (C) The Commandant of the Coast Guard.
- (D) The Director of the United States Geological Survey.
- (E) The Office of the Federal Coordinator for Meteorology.
- (F) The Director of the National Science Foundation.
- (G) The Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
- (H) Such public, private, and academic sector entities as the Administrator considers appropriate for purposes of carrying out the provisions of this section.

**(f) Establishment of Coastal Wind and Water Event Database**

**(1) In general**

Not later than 1 year after July 6, 2012, the Administrator shall establish a database for the collection and compilation of covered data—

- (A) to support the protocol established under subsection (c)(1); and
- (B) for the purposes listed in subsection (e)(2).

**(2) Designation**

The database established under paragraph (1) shall be known as the “Coastal Wind and Water Event Database”.

**(g) Comptroller General study**

Not later than 1 year after July 6, 2012, the Comptroller General of the United States shall—

- (1) complete an audit of Federal efforts to collect covered data for purposes of the Consumer Option for an Alternative System to Allocate Losses Act of 2012, which audit shall—
  - (A) examine duplicated Federal efforts to collect covered data; and
  - (B) determine the cost effectiveness of such efforts; and
- (2) submit to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs and the<sup>1</sup> Com-

merce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the House of Representatives a report on the findings of the Comptroller General with respect to the audit completed under paragraph (1).

(Pub. L. 111–11, title XII, §12312, as added Pub. L. 112–141, div. F, title II, §100252, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 969.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Consumer Option for an Alternative System to Allocate Losses Act of 2012, referred to in subsec. (g)(1), is subtitle B (§§100251–100253) of title II of div. F of Pub. L. 112–141, which enacted this section, section 4057 of Title 42, the Public Health and Welfare, and provisions set out as a note under section 4001 of Title 42. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 2012 Amendment note set out under section 4001 of Title 42 and Tables.

**CHAPTER 50—FEDERAL OCEAN ACIDIFICATION RESEARCH AND MONITORING**

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**§ 3701. Purposes**

**(a) Purposes**

The purposes of this chapter are to provide for—

- (1) development and coordination of a comprehensive interagency plan to—
  - (A) monitor and conduct research on the processes and consequences of ocean acidification on marine organisms and ecosystems; and
  - (B) establish an interagency research and monitoring program on ocean acidification;
- (2) establishment of an ocean acidification program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
- (3) assessment and consideration of regional and national ecosystem and socioeconomic impacts of increased ocean acidification; and
- (4) research adaptation strategies and techniques for effectively conserving marine ecosystems as they cope with increased ocean acidification.

(Pub. L. 111–11, title XII, §12402, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1436.)

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 111–11, title XII, §12401, Mar. 30, 2009, 123 Stat. 1436, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle D (§§12401–12409) of title XII of Pub. L. 111–11, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Federal Ocean Acidification Research And Monitoring Act of 2009’ or the ‘FOARAM Act’.”

**§ 3702. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Ocean acidification**

The term “ocean acidification” means the decrease in pH of the Earth’s oceans and

<sup>1</sup>So in original. Probably should be followed by “Committee on”.