

agreements with Federally<sup>1</sup> recognized Indian tribes on such terms and conditions as the Administrator deems appropriate for the development and implementation of programs to manage hazardous waste, and underground storage tanks.

(Pub. L. 105-276, title III, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2499.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, 1999, and not as part of the Solid Waste Disposal Act which comprises this chapter.

#### SUBCHAPTER II—OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE; AUTHORITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

#### § 6911. Office of Solid Waste and Interagency Coordinating Committee

##### (a) Office of Solid Waste

The Administrator shall establish within the Environmental Protection Agency an Office of Solid Waste (hereinafter referred to as the "Office") to be headed by an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. The duties and responsibilities (other than duties and responsibilities relating to research and development) of the Administrator under this chapter (as modified by applicable reorganization plans) shall be carried out through the Office.

##### (b) Interagency Coordinating Committee

(1) There is hereby established an Interagency Coordinating Committee on Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Activities which shall have the responsibility for coordinating all activities dealing with resource conservation and recovery from solid waste carried out by the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Energy, the Department of Commerce, and all other Federal agencies which conduct such activities pursuant to this chapter or any other Act. For purposes of this subsection, the term "resource conservation and recovery activities" shall include, but not be limited to, all research, development and demonstration projects on resource conservation or energy, or material, recovery from solid waste, and all technical or financial assistance for State or local planning for, or implementation of, projects related to resource conservation or energy or material, recovery from solid waste. The Committee shall be chaired by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency or such person as the Administrator may designate. Members of the Committee shall include representatives of the Department of Energy, the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Treasury, and each other Federal agency which the Administrator determines to have programs or responsibilities affecting resource conservation or recovery.

(2) The Interagency Coordinating Committee shall include oversight of the implementation of

(A) the May 1979 Memorandum of Understanding on Energy Recovery from Municipal

Solid Waste between the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy;

(B) the May 30, 1978, Interagency Agreement between the Department of Commerce and the Environmental Protection Agency on the Implementation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act [42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.]; and

(C) any subsequent agreements between these agencies or other Federal agencies which address Federal resource recovery or conservation activities.

(Pub. L. 89-272, title II, § 2001, as added Pub. L. 94-580, § 2, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2804; amended Pub. L. 96-482, § 4(c), Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2335; Pub. L. 96-510, title III, § 307(a), Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2810.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, referred to in subsec. (b)(2)(B), is Pub. L. 94-580, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2796, which is classified generally to this chapter (§ 6901 et seq.). For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 6901 of this title and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Subsection (b)(3) of this section, which required the Interagency Coordinating Committee to submit to Congress on March 1 of each year, a five-year action plan for Federal resource conservation or recovery activities, terminated, effective May 15, 2000, pursuant to section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance. See, also, the 2nd item on page 175 of House Document No. 103-7.

#### AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-510 substituted reference to Assistant Administrator for reference to Deputy Assistant Administrator.

Pub. L. 96-482 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 96-510, title III, § 307(c), Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2810, provided that: "The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall become effective ninety days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 11, 1980]."

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of certain enforcement functions of Administrator or other official of Environmental Protection Agency under this chapter to Federal Inspector, Office of Federal Inspector for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, and subsequent transfer to Secretary of Energy, then to Federal Coordinator for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Projects, see note set out under section 6903 of this title.

#### § 6911a. Assistant Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency; appointment, etc.

The Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency appointed to head the Office of Solid Waste shall be in addition to the five Assistant Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency provided for in section 1(d) of Reorganization Plan Numbered 3 of 1970 and the additional Assistant Administrator provided by the Toxic Substances Control Act [15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.], shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 96-510, title III, § 307(b), Dec. 11, 1980, 94 Stat. 2810; Pub. L. 98-80, § 2(c)(2)(B), Aug. 23, 1983, 97 Stat. 485.)

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Probably should not be capitalized.

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Reorganization Plan Numbered 3 of 1970, referred to in text, is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

The Toxic Substances Control Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 94-469, Oct. 11, 1976, 90 Stat. 2003, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 53 (§2601 et seq.) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2601 of Title 15 and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, and not as part of the Solid Waste Disposal Act which comprises this chapter.

## AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 98-80 struck out “, and shall be compensated at the rate provided for Level IV of the Executive Schedule pay rates under section 5315 of title 5” after “advice and consent of the Senate”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 11, 1980, see section 9652 of this title.

**§ 6912. Authorities of Administrator****(a) Authorities**

In carrying out this chapter, the Administrator is authorized to—

(1) prescribe, in consultation with Federal, State, and regional authorities, such regulations as are necessary to carry out his functions under this chapter;

(2) consult with or exchange information with other Federal agencies undertaking research, development, demonstration projects, studies, or investigations relating to solid waste;

(3) provide technical and financial assistance to States or regional agencies in the development and implementation of solid waste plans and hazardous waste management programs;

(4) consult with representatives of science, industry, agriculture, labor, environmental protection and consumer organizations, and other groups, as he deems advisable;

(5) utilize the information, facilities, personnel and other resources of Federal agencies, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Bureau of the Census, on a reimbursable basis, to perform research and analyses and conduct studies and investigations related to resource recovery and conservation and to otherwise carry out the Administrator's functions under this chapter; and

(6) to delegate to the Secretary of Transportation the performance of any inspection or enforcement function under this chapter relating to the transportation of hazardous waste where such delegation would avoid unnecessary duplication of activity and would carry out the objectives of this chapter and of chapter 51 of title 49.

**(b) Revision of regulations**

Each regulation promulgated under this chapter shall be reviewed and, where necessary, revised not less frequently than every three years.

**(c) Criminal investigations**

In carrying out the provisions of this chapter, the Administrator, and duly-designated agents

and employees of the Environmental Protection Agency, are authorized to initiate and conduct investigations under the criminal provisions of this chapter, and to refer the results of these investigations to the Attorney General for prosecution in appropriate cases.

(Pub. L. 89-272, title II, §2002, as added Pub. L. 94-580, §2, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2804; amended Pub. L. 96-482, §5, Oct. 21, 1980, 94 Stat. 2335; Pub. L. 98-616, title IV, §403(d)(4), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3272; Pub. L. 100-418, title V, §5115(c), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1433.)

## CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a)(6), “chapter 51 of title 49” substituted for “the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act [49 App. U.S.C. 1801 et seq.]” on authority of Pub. L. 103-272, §6(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1378, the first section of which enacted subtitles II, III, and V to X of Title 49, Transportation.

## AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 100-418 substituted “National Institute of Standards and Technology” for “National Bureau of Standards”.

1984—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-616 added subsec. (c).

1980—Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 96-482 added par. (6).

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

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**§ 6913. Resource Recovery and Conservation Panels**

The Administrator shall provide teams of personnel, including Federal, State, and local employees or contractors (hereinafter referred to as “Resource Conservation and Recovery Panels”) to provide Federal agencies, States and local governments upon request with technical assistance on solid waste management, resource recovery, and resource conservation. Such teams shall include technical, marketing, financial, and institutional specialists, and the services of such teams shall be provided without charge to States or local governments.

(Pub. L. 89-272, title II, §2003, as added Pub. L. 94-580, §2, Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2804; amended Pub. L. 95-609, §7(e), Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3081.)

## AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-609 inserted “Federal agencies,” after “to provide”.

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

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**§ 6914. Grants for discarded tire disposal****(a) Grants**

The Administrator shall make available grants equal to 5 percent of the purchase price