

**(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> Commerce, 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; amended Pub. L. 116–271, title II, §201(a), Dec. 31, 2020, 134 Stat. 3344.)

**Editorial Notes**

## 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.

## AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(1)(A), inserted “, except that the term shall not apply with respect to a State or territory that has an operational wind and flood loss allocation system” before period at end.

Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(1)(B), inserted “sustained” before “winds”.

Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(1)(C), substituted “for which post-storm assessments are conducted” for “that threaten any portion of a coastal State”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(A). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(2)(A)(i), substituted “December 31, 2020” for “540 days after July 6, 2012” and struck out “by regulation” after “Administrator shall develop”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(2)(A)(ii), substituted “an indeterminate loss” for “every indeterminate loss”.

Subsec. (b)(1)(C). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(2)(A)(iii), added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (b)(2)(B), (C). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(2)(B)(ii), added subpars. (B) and (C). Former subpars. (B) and (C) redesignated (D) and (E), respectively.

Subsec. (b)(2)(D). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(2)(B)(iii), substituted “confirmation of indeterminate losses identified under subparagraph (C) with respect to a named storm” for “identification of a named storm under subparagraph (A)” and “assessment for each coastal State that suffered such indeterminate losses as a result of the named storm” for “assessment for such named storm”.

Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(2)(B)(i), redesignated subpar. (B) as (D).

Subsec. (b)(2)(E). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(2)(B)(iv), substituted “any indeterminate losses are identified under subparagraph (C)” for “an identification of a named storm is made under subparagraph (A)” and “under subparagraph (D) for any coastal State that suffered such indeterminate losses” for “for such storm under subparagraph (B)”.

Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(2)(B)(i), redesignated subpar. (C) as (E).

Subsec. (b)(2)(F). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(2)(B)(v), added subpar. (F).

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(3)(A), substituted “December 31, 2020” for “540 days after July 6, 2012”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(3)(B), inserted “, in the discretion of the Administrator,” after “of sensors as may”.

Subsec. (c)(4)(B). Pub. L. 116–271, §201(a)(3)(C), inserted “and expend” after “receive”.

**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.)

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## 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”.