

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 115-270, § 4201(d)(2), substituted “3 years after October 23, 2018” for “4 years after June 10, 2014” in introductory provisions.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### “SECRETARY” DEFINED

Secretary means the Secretary of the Army, see section 2 of Pub. L. 113-121, set out as a note under section 2201 of this title.

### § 3914. Requirements

#### (a) In general

Except as provided in subsection (c), none of the amounts made available under this chapter may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a project eligible for assistance under this chapter unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States.

#### (b) Definition of iron and steel products

In this section, the term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

#### (c) Application

Subsection (a) shall not apply in any case or category of cases in which the Administrator finds that—

- (1) applying subsection (a) would be inconsistent with the public interest;
- (2) iron and steel products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or
- (3) inclusion of iron and steel products produced in the United States will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent.

#### (d) Waiver

If the Administrator receives a request for a waiver under this section, the Administrator shall make available to the public, on an informal basis, a copy of the request and information available to the Administrator concerning the request, and shall allow for informal public input on the request for at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the request. The Administrator shall make the request and accompanying information available by electronic means, including on the official public Internet Web site of the Environmental Protection Agency.

#### (e) International agreements

This section shall be applied in a manner consistent with United States obligations under international agreements.

(Pub. L. 113-121, title V, § 5035, June 10, 2014, 128 Stat. 1344.)

### § 3915. Outreach plan

#### (a) Definition of rural community

In this section, the term “rural community” means a city, town, or unincorporated area that

has a population of not more than 10,000 inhabitants.

#### (b) Outreach required

Not later than 180 days after November 15, 2021, the Administrator, in consultation with relevant Federal agencies, shall develop and begin implementation of an outreach plan to promote financial assistance available under this subtitle to small communities and rural communities.

(Pub. L. 113-121, title V, § 5036, as added Pub. L. 117-58, div. E, title II, § 50215(b), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 1174.)

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### § 4001. Assessments

#### (a) Establishment of Inter-Agency Task Force

The President, through the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources of the National Science and Technology Council, shall establish an Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia. The Task Force shall consist of a representative from—

- (1) the Department of Commerce (who shall serve as Chairman of the Task Force);
- (2) the Environmental Protection Agency;
- (3) the Department of Agriculture;
- (4) the Department of the Interior;
- (5) the Department of the Navy;
- (6) the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (7) the National Science Foundation;
- (8) the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;
- (9) the Food and Drug Administration;
- (10) the Office of Science and Technology Policy;
- (11) the Council on Environmental Quality;
- (12) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;
- (13) the Army Corps of Engineers; and
- (14) other Federal agencies as the President considers appropriate.

#### (b) Assessment of harmful algal blooms

(1) Not later than 12 months after November 13, 1998, the Task Force, in cooperation with the coastal States, Indian tribes, and local governments, industry (including agricultural organizations), academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations with expertise in coastal zone management, shall complete and submit to the Congress an assessment which examines the