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AN ACT

To provide for the establishment of the position of Deputy Administrator for Science and Technology of the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Science
3 at the Environmental Protection Agency Act”.

4 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

5 For purposes of this Act—

6 (1) the term “Administrator” means the Ad-
7 ministrator of the Agency;

8 (2) the term “Agency” means the Environ-
9 mental Protection Agency;

10 (3) the term “Deputy” means the Deputy Ad-
11 ministrator for Science and Technology appointed
12 under section 4; and

13 (4) the term “research” means research, devel-
14 opment, and demonstration.

15 SEC. 3. RESEARCH MISSION OF AGENCY.

16 Conducting, sponsoring, and evaluating environ-
17 mental science and technology research shall be a central
18 mission of the Agency. The results of such research shall
19 be used to help initiate, formulate, and carry out the
20 Agency’s agenda, and the Agency shall seek to increase
21 the public’s understanding of environmental science and
22 technology by making those research results available to
23 the public.

24 SEC. 4. DEPUTY.

25 (a) APPOINTMENT.—The President shall appoint, by
26 and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Deputy

1 Administrator for Science and Technology, who shall co-
2 ordinate and oversee the science and technology activities
3 of the Agency and ensure that Agency decisions are in-
4 formed by the results of appropriate and relevant re-
5 search.

6 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The Deputy shall—

7 (1) provide advice to the Administrator regard-
8 ing science and technology issues and their relation-
9 ship to Agency policies, procedures, and decisions;

10 (2) participate in developing the Agency's stra-
11 tegic plans and policies and review the science and
12 technology aspects of those plans and policies;

13 (3) coordinate the acquisition and compilation
14 of relevant science and technology information avail-
15 able from academic sources, government agencies,
16 and the private sector;

17 (4) develop and oversee guidelines for the dis-
18 semination of research results conducted, sponsored,
19 or cited by the Agency to the public, including his-
20 torically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-
21 serving institutions, minority communities, and rural
22 communities; and

23 (5) develop and oversee guidelines for peer re-
24 view of science and technology research.

1 (c) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual appointed
2 under subsection (a) shall be a person who has an out-
3 standing science and technology background, including re-
4 search accomplishments, scientific reputation, and public
5 policy experience.

6 (d) CONSULTATION.—Before appointing an individual
7 under subsection (a), the President shall consult
8 with the National Academy of Sciences, the National
9 Academy of Engineering, the Science Advisory Board of
10 the Agency, and other appropriate scientific organizations.

11 (e) COMPENSATION.—The Deputy shall be com-
12 pensated at the rate provided for level III of the Executive
13 Schedule pursuant to section 5314 of title 5, United
14 States Code.

15 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 5314 of
16 title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
17 end the following:

18 “Deputy Administrator for Science and Tech-
19 nology of the Environmental Protection Agency.”.

20 SEC. 5. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR RESEARCH AND
21 DEVELOPMENT.

22 (a) TITLE AND TERM.—There shall be an Assistant
23 Administrator for Research and Development of the Agen-
24 cy, who shall also have the title of Chief Scientist of the
25 Agency. Appointments to such position made after the

1 date of the enactment of this Act shall be for a term of
2 5 years unless sooner removed by the President.

3 (b) QUALIFICATIONS.—An individual appointed
4 under subsection (a) shall be a person who has an out-
5 standing science and technology background, including re-
6 search accomplishments, scientific reputation, and experi-
7 ence in leading a research and development organization.

Passed the House of Representatives April 30, 2002.

Attest: JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.