

43 U.S.C. 31 et seq., the USGS Organic Act includes instructions that the USGS is to *classify the public lands and examine the geological structure, mineral resources, and products within and outside the national domain.*

16 U.S.C. 1131, the Wilderness Act of 1964 and numerous subsequent related Acts require the USGS to assess the mineral resources of each area proposed as wilderness or established as wilderness.

16 U.S.C. 3141 et seq., The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980, section 1010 of the Act requires that the Secretary of the Interior assess the oil, gas, and other mineral potential, and expand the minerals database, for all public lands in Alaska. These responsibilities have been delegated to the USGS and assigned to MRP.

30 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., The National Materials and Mineral Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980 reemphasize the responsibility of the USGS to assess the mineral resources of the Nation.