

AUTHORIZATIONS

50 U.S.C. 98 The Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act of 1946 as amended by its Revision Act of 1979.

Section 8 of the Act supports the Survey's programs for assessment of domestic minerals, especially for strategic and critical minerals, to complement the Federal mineral stockpile program.

30 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., The Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 and 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.

National Materials and Minerals Policy Research & Development Act of 1980, PL 96-479

This act implements policy for the coordination of federal materials research and development activities to ensure adequate, stable, and economical materials supplies essential to national security, economic well-being, and industrial production. Of particular concern to agriculture is the support for basic and applied research and development to provide for enhanced methods for processes for the more efficient production and use of renewable and nonrenewable resources including an understanding of materials substitution. (Retrieved on 4/8/2010 from: <http://newcrop.hort.purdue.edu/newcrop/proceedings1990/v1-041.html#National%20Materials>)