

Public Law 94-258
94th Congress

An Act

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish on certain public lands of the United States national petroleum reserves the development of which needs to be regulated in a manner consistent with the total energy needs of the Nation, and for other purposes.

Apr. 5, 1976

[H.R. 49]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the “Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976”.

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TITLE I—NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA

DEFINITION

SEC. 101. As used in this title, the term “petroleum” includes crude oil, gases (including natural gas), natural gasoline, and other related hydrocarbons, oil shale, and the products of any of such resources.

DESIGNATION OF THE NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA

SEC. 102. The area known as Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 4, Alaska, established by Executive order of the President, dated February 27, 1923, except for tract Numbered 1 as described in Public Land Order 2344, dated April 24, 1961, shall be transferred to and administered by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the provisions of this Act. Effective on the date of transfer all lands within such area shall be redesignated as the “National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska” (hereinafter in this title referred to as the “reserve”). Subject to valid existing rights, all lands within the exterior boundaries of such reserve are hereby reserved and withdrawn from all forms of entry and disposition under the public land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, and all other Acts; but the Secretary is authorized to (1) make dispositions of mineral materials pursuant to the Act of July 31, 1947 (61 Stat. 681), as amended (30 U.S.C. 601), for appropriate use by Alaska Natives, (2) make such dispositions of mineral materials and grant such rights-of-way, licenses, and permits as may be necessary to carry out his responsibilities under this Act, and (3) convey the surface of lands properly selected on or before December 18, 1975, by Native village corporations pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. All other provisions of law heretofore enacted and actions heretofore taken reserving such lands as a Naval Petroleum Reserve shall remain in full force and effect to the extent not inconsistent with this Act.

42 USC 6502.

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TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION

SEC. 103. (a) Jurisdiction over the reserve shall be transferred by the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior on June 1, 1977.

42 USC 6503.

(b) With respect to any activities related to the protection of environmental, fish and wildlife, and historical or scenic values, the Secretary of the Interior shall assume all responsibilities as of the date

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of the enactment of this title. As soon as possible, but not later than the effective date of transfer, the Secretary of the Interior may promulgate such rules and regulations as he deems necessary and appropriate for the protection of such values within the reserve.

(c) The Secretary of the Interior shall, upon the effective date of the transfer of the reserve, assume the responsibilities and functions of the Secretary of the Navy under any contracts which may be in effect with respect to activities within the reserve.

(d) On the date of transfer of jurisdiction of the reserve, all equipment, facilities, and other property of the Department of the Navy used in connection with the operation of the reserve, including all records, maps, exhibits, and other informational data held by the Secretary of the Navy in connection with the reserve, shall be transferred without reimbursement from the Secretary of the Navy to the Secretary of the Interior who shall thereafter be authorized to use them to carry out the provisions of this title.

(e) On the date of transfer of jurisdiction of the reserve, the Secretary of the Navy shall transfer to the Secretary of the Interior all unexpended funds previously appropriated for use in connection with the reserve and all civilian personnel ceilings assigned by the Secretary of the Navy to the management and operation of the reserve as of January 1, 1976.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE RESERVE**Petroleum production, prohibition. 42 USC 6504.**

SEC. 104. (a) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, production of petroleum from the reserve is prohibited and no development leading to production of petroleum from the reserve shall be undertaken until authorized by an Act of Congress.

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(b) Any exploration within the Utukok River, the Teshekpuk Lake areas, and other areas designated by the Secretary of the Interior containing any significant subsistence, recreational, fish and wildlife, or historical or scenic value, shall be conducted in a manner which will assure the maximum protection of such surface values to the extent consistent with the requirements of this Act for the exploration of the reserve.

(c) The Secretary of the Navy shall continue the ongoing petroleum exploration program within the reserve until the date of the transfer of jurisdiction specified in section 103(a). Prior to the date of such transfer of jurisdiction the Secretary of the Navy shall—

(1) cooperate fully with the Secretary of the Interior providing him access to such facilities and such information as he may request to facilitate the transfer of jurisdiction;

(2) provide to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives copies of any reports, plans, or contracts pertaining to the reserve that are required to be submitted to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and

(3) cooperate and consult with the Secretary of the Interior before executing any new contract or amendment to any existing contract pertaining to the reserve and allow him a reasonable opportunity to comment on such contract or amendment, as the case may be.

(d) The Secretary of the Interior shall commence further petroleum exploration of the reserve as of the date of transfer of jurisdiction specified in section 103(a). In conducting this exploration effort, the Secretary of the Interior—

(1) is authorized to enter into contracts for the exploration of the reserve, except that no such contract may be entered into until

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at least thirty days after the Secretary of the Interior has provided the Attorney General with a copy of the proposed contract and such other information as may be appropriate to determine legal sufficiency and possible violations under, or inconsistencies with, the antitrust laws. If, within such thirty day period, the Attorney General advises the Secretary of the Interior that any such contract would unduly restrict competition or be inconsistent with the antitrust laws, then the Secretary of the Interior may not execute that contract;

(2) shall submit to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives any new plans or substantial amendments to ongoing plans for the exploration of the reserve. All such plans or amendments submitted to such committees pursuant to this section shall contain a report by the Attorney General of the United States with respect to the anticipated effects of such plans or amendments on competition. Such plans or amendments shall not be implemented until sixty days after they have been submitted to such committees; and

(3) shall report annually to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives on the progress of, and future plans for, exploration of the reserve.

(e) Until the reserve is transferred to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to develop and continue operation of the South Barrow gas field, or such other fields as may be necessary, to supply gas at reasonable and equitable rates to the native village of Barrow, and other communities and installations at or near Point Barrow, Alaska, and to installations of the Department of Defense and other agencies of the United States located at or near Point Barrow, Alaska. After such transfer, the Secretary of the Interior shall take such actions as may be necessary to continue such service to such village, communities, installations, and agencies at reasonable and equitable rates.

Plans, submitted to congressional committees.

Report by Attorney General.

Report to congressional committees.

STUDY OF THE RESERVE

SEC. 105. (a) Section 164 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (89 Stat. 871, 889), is hereby amended by deleting in the first sentence "to the Congress" and by inserting in lieu thereof "to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives".

42 USC 6244.

(b)(1) The President shall direct such Executive departments and/or agencies as he may deem appropriate to conduct a study, in consultation with representatives of the State of Alaska, to determine the best overall procedures to be used in the development, production, transportation, and distribution of petroleum resources in the reserve. Such study shall include, but shall not be limited to, a consideration of—

42 USC 6505.

(A) the alternative procedures for accomplishing the development, production, transportation, and distribution of the petroleum resources from the reserve, and

(B) the economic and environmental consequences of such alternative procedures.

(2) The President shall make semiannual progress reports on the implementation of this subsection to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives beginning not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall, not later than one year after the transfer of jurisdiction of the reserve, and annually thereafter, report any findings or

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conclusions developed as a result of such study together with appropriate supporting data and such recommendations as he deems desirable. The study shall be completed and submitted to such committees, together with recommended procedures and any proposed legislation necessary to implement such procedures not later than January 1, 1980.

42 USC 6505.

(c) (1) The Secretary of the Interior shall establish a task force to conduct a study to determine the values of, and best uses for, the lands contained in the reserve, taking into consideration (A) the natives who live or depend upon such lands, (B) the scenic, historical, recreational, fish and wildlife, and wilderness values, (C) mineral potential, and (D) other values of such lands.

(2) Such task force shall be composed of representatives from the government of Alaska, the Arctic slope native community, and such offices and bureaus of the Department of the Interior as the Secretary of the Interior deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the Bureau of Land Management, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the United States Geological Survey, and the Bureau of Mines.

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(3) The Secretary of the Interior shall submit a report, together with the concurring or dissenting views, if any, of any non-Federal representatives of the task force, of the results of such study to the Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives within three years after the date of enactment of this title and shall include in such report his recommendations with respect to the value, best use, and appropriate designation of the lands referred to in paragraph (1).

ANTITRUST PROVISIONS

42 USC 6506.

SEC. 106. Unless otherwise provided by Act of Congress, whenever development leading to production of petroleum is authorized, the provisions of subsections (g), (h), and (i) of section 7430 of title 10, United States Code, shall be deemed applicable to the Secretary of the Interior with respect to rules and regulations, plans of development and amendments thereto, and contracts and operating agreements. All plans and proposals submitted to the Congress under this title or pursuant to legislation authorizing development leading to production shall contain a report by the Attorney General of the United States on the anticipated effects upon competition of such plans and proposals.

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AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

42 USC 6507.

SEC. 107. (a) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Department of the Interior such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

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(b) If the Secretary of the Interior determines that there is an immediate and substantial increase in the need for municipal services and facilities in communities located on or near the reserve as a direct result of the exploration and study activities authorized by this title and that an unfair and excessive financial burden will be incurred by such communities as a result of the increased need for such services and facilities, then he is authorized to assist such communities in meeting the costs of providing increased municipal services and facilities. The Secretary of the Interior shall carry out the provisions of this section through existing Federal programs and he shall consult with the heads of the departments or agencies of the Federal Government concerned with the type of services and facilities for which financial assistance is being made available.

TITLE II—NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES

SEC. 201. Chapter 641 of title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Immediately before section 7421 insert the following new section:

“§ 7420. Definitions

10 USC 7420.

“(a) In this chapter—

“(1) ‘national defense’ includes the needs of, and the planning and preparedness to meet, essential defense, industrial, and military emergency energy requirements relative to the national safety, welfare, and economy, particularly resulting from foreign military or economic actions;

“(2) ‘naval petroleum reserves’ means the naval petroleum and oil shale reserves established by this chapter, including Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1 (Elk Hills), located in Kern County, California, established by Executive order of the President, dated September 2, 1912; Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 2 (Buena Vista), located in Kern County, California, established by Executive order of the President, dated December 13, 1912; Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 3 (Teapot Dome), located in Wyoming, established by Executive order of the President, dated April 30, 1915; Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 4, Alaska, established by Executive order of the President, dated February 27, 1923 (until redesignated as the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior as provided in the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976); Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 1, located in Colorado, established by Executive order of the President, dated December 6, 1916, as amended by Executive order dated June 12, 1919; Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 2, located in Utah, established by Executive order of the President, dated December 6, 1916; and Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 3, located in Colorado, established by Executive order of the President, dated September 27, 1924;

“(3) ‘petroleum’ includes crude oil, gases (including natural gas), natural gasoline, and other related hydrocarbons, oil shale, and the products of any of such resources;

“(4) ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of the Navy;

“(5) ‘small refiner’ means an owner of a refinery or refineries (including refineries not in operation) who qualifies as a small business refiner under the rules and regulations of the Small Business Administration; and

“(6) ‘maximum efficient rate’ means the maximum sustainable daily oil or gas rate from a reservoir which will permit economic development and depletion of that reservoir without detriment to the ultimate recovery.”

(2) Section 7421 (a) is amended—

10 USC 7421.

(A) by striking out “of the Navy”;

(B) by striking out “and oil shale”;

(C) by striking out “for naval purposes” and inserting in lieu thereof “for national defense purposes”; and

(D) by striking out “section 7438 hereof” and inserting in lieu thereof “this chapter”.

(3) The text of section 7422 is amended to read as follows:

10 USC 7422.

“(a) The Secretary, directly or by contract, lease, or otherwise, shall explore, prospect, conserve, develop, use, and operate the naval petroleum reserves in his discretion, subject to the provisions of subsection

(c) and the other provisions of this chapter; except that no petroleum leases shall be granted at Naval Petroleum Reserves Numbered 1 and 3.

“(b) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, particularly subsection (c) of this section, the naval petroleum reserves shall be used and operated for—

“(1) the protection, conservation, maintenance, and testing of those reserves; or

“(2) the production of petroleum whenever and to the extent that the Secretary, with the approval of the President, finds that such production is needed for national defense purposes and the production is authorized by a joint resolution of Congress.

“(c) (1) In administering Naval Petroleum Reserves Numbered 1, 2, and 3, the Secretary is authorized and directed—

“(A) to further explore, develop, and operate such reserves;

“(B) commencing within ninety days after the date of enactment of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, to produce such reserves at the maximum efficient rate consistent with sound engineering practices for a period not to exceed six years after the date of enactment of such Act;

“(C) during such production period or any extension thereof to sell or otherwise dispose of the United States share of such petroleum produced from such reserves as hereinafter provided; and

“(D) to construct, acquire, or contract for the use of storage and shipping facilities on and off the reserves and pipelines and associated facilities on and off the reserves for transporting petroleum from such reserves to the points where the production from such reserves will be refined or shipped.

Any pipeline in the vicinity of a naval petroleum reserve not otherwise operated as a common carrier may be acquired by the Secretary by condemnation, if necessary, if the owner thereof refuses to accept, convey, and transport without discrimination and at reasonable rates any petroleum produced at such reserve. With the approval of the Secretary, rights-of-way for new pipelines and associated facilities may be acquired by the exercise of the right of eminent domain in the appropriate United States district court. Such rights-of-way may be acquired in the manner set forth in the Act of February 26, 1931, chapter 307 (46 Stat. 1421; 40 U.S.C. 258(a)), and the prospective holder of the right-of-way is ‘the authority empowered by law to acquire the lands’ within the meaning of that Act. Such new pipelines shall accept, convey, and transport without discrimination and at reasonable rates any petroleum produced at such reserves as a common carrier. Pipelines and associated facilities constructed at or procured for Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1 pursuant to this subsection shall have adequate capacity to accommodate not less than three hundred fifty thousand barrels of oil per day and shall be fully operable as soon as possible, but not later than three years after the date of enactment of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976.

“(2) At the conclusion of the six-year production period authorized by paragraph (1) (B) of this subsection the President may extend the period of production in the case of any naval petroleum reserve for additional periods of not to exceed three years each—

“(A) after the President requires an investigation to be made, in the case of each extension, to determine the necessity for continued production from such naval petroleum reserve;

“(B) after the President submits to the Congress, at least one hundred eighty days prior to the expiration of the current production period prescribed by this section, or any extension thereof,

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a copy of the report made to him on such investigation together with a certification by him that continued production from such naval petroleum reserve is in the national interest; and

“(C) if neither House of Congress within ninety days after receipt of such report and certification adopts a resolution disapproving further production from such naval petroleum reserve.

“(3) The production authorization set forth in paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection, in the case of Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1, is conditioned upon the private owner of any lands or interests therein within such reserve agreeing with the Secretary to continue operations of such reserve under a unitized plan contract which adequately protects the public interest; however, if such agreement is not reached within ninety days after the date of enactment of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 the Secretary is authorized to exercise the authority for condemnation conferred by section 7425 of this chapter.”.

(4) The first sentence of section 7423 is amended by deleting “of the Navy” and “or products”. 10 USC 7423.

(5) Section 7424 is amended— 10 USC 7424.

(A) by deleting “of the Navy” in the text of subsection (a) preceding clause (1);

(B) by deleting “and oil shale” in subsection (a) (1) in the text preceding subclause (A); and

(C) by deleting “in the ground” in clause (1)(A) of subsection (a).

(6) Section 7425 is amended by deleting “of the Navy”. 10 USC 7425.

(7) Section 7426(a) is amended by striking out “the Secretary of the Navy” and inserting in lieu thereof “Subject to the provisions of section 7422(c), the Secretary”. 10 USC 7426.

(8) The first and second sentences of section 7427 are amended by striking out “of the Navy”. 10 USC 7427.

(9) Section 7428 is amended by striking out “within the naval petroleum and oil shale reserves shall contain a provision authorizing the Secretary of the Navy” and inserting in lieu thereof “within Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 2 and the oil shale reserves shall contain a provision authorizing the Secretary”. 10 USC 7428.

(10) The first sentence of section 7429 is amended by deleting “of the Navy”. 10 USC 7429.

(11) The text of section 7430 is amended to read as follows: 10 USC 7430.

“(a) In administering the naval petroleum reserves under this chapter, the Secretary shall use, store, or sell the petroleum produced from the naval petroleum reserves and lands covered by joint, unit, or other cooperative plans.

“(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each sale of the United States share of petroleum shall be made by the Secretary at public sale to the highest qualified bidder, for periods of not more than one year, at such time, in such amounts, and after such advertising as the Secretary considers proper and without regard to Federal, State, or local regulations controlling sales or allocation of petroleum products. Public sale.

“(c) In no event shall the Secretary permit the award of any contract which would result in any person obtaining control, directly or indirectly, over more than 20 per centum of the estimated annual United States share of petroleum produced from Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1.

“(d) Each proposal for sale under this title shall provide that the terms of every sale of the United States share of petroleum from the naval petroleum reserves shall be so structured as to give full and

equal opportunity for the acquisition of petroleum by all interested persons, including major and independent oil producers and refiners alike. When the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, determines that the public interests will be served by the sale of petroleum to small refiners not having their own adequate sources of supply of petroleum, the Secretary is authorized and directed to set aside a portion of the United States share of petroleum produced for sale to such refiners under the provisions of this section for processing or use in such refineries, except that—

“(1) none of the production sold to small refiners may be resold in kind;

“(2) production must be sold at a cost of not less than the prevailing local market price of comparable petroleum;

“(3) the set-aside portion may not exceed 25 per centum of the estimated annual United States share of the total production from all producing naval petroleum reserves; and

“(4) notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary may, at his discretion if he deems it to be in the public interest, prorate such petroleum among such refiners for sale, without competition, at not less than the prevailing local market price of comparable petroleum.

“(e) Any petroleum produced from the naval petroleum reserves, except such petroleum which is either exchanged in similar quantities for convenience or increased efficiency of transportation with persons or the government of an adjacent foreign state, or which is temporarily exported for convenience or increased efficiency of transportation across parts of an adjacent foreign state and reenters the United States, shall be subject to all of the limitations and licensing requirements of the Export Administration Act of 1969 (83 Stat. 841) and, in addition, before any petroleum subject to this section may be exported under the limitations and licensing requirement and penalty and enforcement provisions of the Export Administration Act of 1969, the President must make and publish an express finding that such exports will not diminish the total quality or quantity of petroleum available to the United States and that such exports are in the national interest and are in accord with the Export Administration Act of 1969.

“(f) During the period of production or any extension thereof authorized by section 7422(c), the consultation and approval requirements of section 7431(a)(3) are waived.

“(g) (1) Prior to the promulgation of any rules and regulations, plans of development and amendments thereto, and in the entering and making of contracts and operating agreements relating to the development, production, or sale of petroleum in or from the reserves, the Secretary shall consult with and give due consideration to the views of the Attorney General of the United States with respect to matters which may affect competition.

“(2) No contract or operating agreement may be made, issued, or executed under this chapter until at least thirty days after the Secretary notifies the Attorney General of the proposed contract or operating agreement. Such notification shall contain such information as the Attorney General may require in order to advise the Secretary as to whether such contract or operating agreement may create or maintain a situation inconsistent with the antitrust laws. If, within such thirty day period, the Attorney General advises the Secretary that a contract or operating agreement may create or maintain a situation inconsistent with the antitrust laws, then the Secretary may not make, issue, or execute that contract or operating agreement.

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“(h) Nothing in this chapter shall be deemed to confer on any person immunity from civil or criminal liability, or to create defenses to actions, under the antitrust laws.

“(i) As used in this section, the term ‘antitrust laws’ means—

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“(1) the Act entitled ‘An Act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraints and monopolies’, approved July 2, 1890 (15 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), as amended;

“(2) the Act entitled ‘An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes’, approved October 15, 1914 (15 U.S.C. 12 et seq.), as amended;

“(3) the Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.), as amended;

“(4) sections 73 and 74 of the Act entitled ‘An Act to reduce taxation, to provide revenue for the Government, and for other purposes’, approved August 27, 1894 (15 U.S.C. 8 and 9), as amended; or

“(5) sections 2, 3, and 4 of the Act of June 19, 1936, chapter 592 (15 U.S.C. 13a, 13b, and 21a).

“(j) Any pipeline which accepts, conveys, or transports any petroleum produced from Naval Petroleum Reserves Numbered 1 or Numbered 3 shall accept, convey, and transport without discrimination and at reasonable rates any such petroleum as a common carrier insofar as petroleum from such reserves is concerned. Every contract entered into by the Secretary for the sale of any petroleum owned by the United States which is produced from such reserves shall contain provisions implementing the requirements of the preceding sentence if the contractor owns a controlling interest in any pipeline or any company operating any pipeline, or is the operator of any pipeline, which carries any petroleum produced from such naval petroleum reserves. The Secretary may promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section and he, or the Secretary of the Interior where the authority extends to him, may declare forfeit any contract, operating agreement, right-of-way, permit, or easement held by any person violating any such rule or regulation. This section shall not apply to any natural gas common carrier pipeline operated by any person subject to regulation under the Natural Gas Act or any public utility subject to regulation by a State or municipal regulatory agency having jurisdiction to regulate the rates and charges for the sale of natural gas to consumers within the State or municipality.

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“(k) The President may, at his discretion, direct that all or any part of the United States share of petroleum produced from the naval petroleum reserves be placed in strategic storage facilities as authorized by sections 151 through 166 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act or that all or any part of such share be exchanged for petroleum of equal value for the purpose of placing such petroleum in such strategic storage facilities.”

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10 USC 7431.

(12) Section 7431 is amended—

(A) by inserting “(a)” immediately before “The Committees”;

(B) by striking out “or oil shale” in clauses (1) and (2);

(C) by striking out “and oil shale” in clauses (2) and (3);

(D) by striking out “oil and gas (other than royalty oil and gas), oil shale, and products therefrom” in clause (3) and inserting in lieu thereof “petroleum (other than royalty oil and gas)”;

and

(E) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

“(b)(1) During the period of production authorized by section

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7422(c), the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives any new plans or substantial amendments to ongoing plans for the exploration, development, and production of the naval petroleum reserves.

“(2) All plans or substantial amendments submitted to the Congress pursuant to this section shall contain a report by the Attorney General of the United States with respect to the anticipated effects of such plans or amendments on competition. Such plans or amendments shall not be implemented until sixty days after such plans or amendments have been submitted to such committees.

Reports to congressional committees.

“(c) During the period of production authorized by section 7422(c), the Secretary shall submit annual reports as of the first day of the fiscal year to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and such committees shall cause such reports to be printed as a Senate or House document, as appropriate. The Secretary shall include in such reports, with respect to each naval petroleum reserve, an explanation in detail of the following:

“(1) the status of the exploration, development, and production programs;

“(2) the production that has been achieved, including the disposition of such production and the proceeds realized therefrom;

“(3) the status of pipeline construction and procurement and problems related to the availability of transportation facilities;

“(4) a summary of future plans for exploration, development, production, disposal, and transportation of the production from the naval petroleum reserves; and

“(5) such other information regarding the reserve as the Secretary deems appropriate.”

10 USC 7432.

(13) Section 7432 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 7432. Naval petroleum reserves special account

“(a) There is hereby established on the books of the Treasury Department a special account designated as the ‘naval petroleum reserves special account’. There shall be credited to such account—

“(1) all proceeds realized under this chapter from the disposition of the United States share of petroleum;

“(2) the net proceeds, if any, realized from sales or exchanges within the Department of Defense of refined petroleum products accruing to the benefit of any component of that department as the result of any such sales or exchanges;

“(3) such additional sums as may be appropriated for the maintenance, operation, exploration, development, and production of the naval petroleum reserves;

“(4) such royalties as may accrue under the provisions of section 7433; and

“(5) any other revenues resulting from the operation of the naval petroleum reserves.

“(b) Funds available in the naval petroleum reserve special account shall be available for expenditure in such sums as are specified in annual appropriations Acts for the expenses of—

“(1) exploration, prospecting, conservation, development, use, operation, and production of the naval petroleum reserves as authorized by this chapter;

“(2) production (including preparation for production) as authorized by this chapter, or as may hereafter be authorized;

“(3) the construction and operation of facilities both within and outside the naval petroleum reserves incident to the production and the delivery of petroleum, including pipelines and shipping terminals;

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“(4) the procurement of petroleum for, and the construction and operation of facilities associated with, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve authorized by sections 151 through 166 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act; and

“(5) the exploration and study of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska as authorized in title I of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976.

“(c) The budget estimates for annual appropriations from the naval petroleum reserves special account shall be prepared by the Secretary and shall be presented to the Congress by the President independently of the budget of the Department of the Navy and the Department of Defense.

“(d) Contracts under this chapter providing for the obligation of funds may be entered into by the Secretary for a period of five years, renewable, at the option of the Secretary, for an additional five-year period; however, such contracts may obligate funds only to the extent that such funds are made available in annual appropriations.”

(14) Section 7433 (a) is amended by striking out “of the Navy”.

(15) Section 7433 (b) is amended by striking out “and oil shale”.

(16) Section 7434 is amended by striking out “and oil shale”.

(17) Section 7435 (b) is amended by striking out “of the Navy”.

(18) Section 7436 (a) is amended by deleting “of the Navy, subject to approval of the President.”

(19) Section 7438 is amended by striking out “Secretary of the Interior” wherever it occurs and inserting therefor “Administrator of the Energy Research and Development Administration”; and by striking out “of the Navy” wherever it occurs.

(20) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended—

(A) by inserting immediately before

“7421. Jurisdiction and control.”

the following:

“7420. Definitions.”

(B) by striking out:

“7432. Expenditures; appropriations chargeable.”

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“7432. Naval petroleum reserve special account.”

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