

**CHAPTER 11—MINING CLAIMS ON LANDS
SUBJECT TO MINERAL LEASING LAWS**

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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in section 521 of this title; title 42 section 2098.

§ 501. Mining claims located between July 31, 1939, and January 1, 1953

(a) Force and effect

Subject to the provisions of this chapter and to any valid intervening rights acquired under laws of the United States, any mining claim located under the mining laws of the United States subsequent to July 31, 1939, and prior to January 1, 1953, on lands of the United States which were, at the time of such location—

- (1) included in a permit or lease issued under the mineral leasing laws; or
- (2) covered by an application or offer for a permit or lease which had been filed under the mineral leasing laws; or
- (3) known to be valuable for minerals subject to disposition under the mineral leasing laws;

shall be effective to the same extent as if such mining claim had been located on lands which were at the time of such location subject to location under the mining laws of the United States: *Provided, however,* That in order to obtain the benefits of this chapter, the owner of any such mining claim shall, not later than one hundred and twenty days after August 12, 1953, post on such claim in the manner required for posting notice of location of mining claims and file for record in the office where the notice or certificate of location of such claim is of record an amended notice of location of such claim, stating that such notice is filed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter and for the purpose of obtaining the benefits thereof.

(b) Labor and improvement

Labor performed or improvements made upon or for the benefit of such mining claims after the original location thereof shall be recognized as applicable thereto for all purposes to the same extent as labor performed and improvements made upon or for the benefit of mining claims which are not affected by this chapter.

(c) Withdrawal or reservation

Any withdrawal or reservation made after the original location of such mining claim affecting land covered by such mining claim is modified and amended so that the effect thereof upon such mining claim shall be the same as if such mining claim had been located upon lands of the United States, which, subsequent to July 31, 1939, and prior to the date of such withdrawal,

were subject to location under the mining laws of the United States.

(Aug. 12, 1953, ch. 405, §1, 67 Stat. 539.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The mining laws of the United States, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (c), are classified generally to this title.

For definition of "mineral leasing laws", referred to in subsec. (a)(1) to (3), see section 505 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 502, 504 of this title; title 42 section 2098.

§ 502. Reservation of minerals to the United States; rights of entry, disposition and removal

Any mining claim given force and effect as provided in section 501 of this title shall be subject to the reservation to the United States of all minerals which, upon August 12, 1953, are provided in the mineral leasing laws to be disposed of thereunder, and the right of the United States, its lessees, permittees, and licensees, to enter upon the land covered by such mining claim to prospect for, mine, treat, store, and remove such minerals, and to use so much of the surface and subsurface of such mining claim as may be necessary for such purposes, and to enter upon such land whenever reasonably necessary for the purpose of prospecting for, mining, treating, storing, and removing such minerals on and from other lands of the United States; and any patent issued for any such mining claim shall contain such reservation.

(Aug. 12, 1953, ch. 405, §2, 67 Stat. 539.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of "mineral leasing laws", see section 505 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 42 section 2098.

§ 503. Reservations required by law; atomic energy materials

The rights under any mining claim given force and effect by this chapter shall also be subject to the reservation to the United States specified in section 5(b)(7) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended, and, in addition, any reservation or reservations required by any other provision or provisions of law; and any patent issued for such mining claim shall contain such reservations.

(Aug. 12, 1953, ch. 405, §3, 67 Stat. 540.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 5(b)(7) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946, as amended, referred to in text, was formerly classified to section 1805(b)(7) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and prohibited any benefit to a person from confidential information acquired from participation in development of atomic energy program respecting deposits of fissionable source materials on public lands. Such provisions are covered in section 68(a), (b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, which is classified to section 2098(a), (b) of Title 42.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 42 section 2098.