

1984—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-525 struck out “of this section” after “subsection (c)” in provisions preceding par. (1).

1980—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 96-513, § 513(31)(A)–(D), in cl. (B) substituted provisions respecting termination on April 5, 1982, for provisions respecting commencement and termination, respectively, ninety days after date of enactment of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, and not to exceed six years after such date, in cl. (C) substituted “provided in section 7430 of this title” for “hereinafter provided”, and in text following cl. (D) substituted “discrimination” for “discrimiation”, and “(40 U.S.C. 258a-258e)” for “, chapter 307 (46 Stat. 1421; 40 U.S.C. 258(a))”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 96-513, § 513(31)(E), substituted “After April 5, 1982,” for “At the conclusion of the six-year production period authorized by paragraph (1)(B) of this subsection”.

Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 96-513, § 513(31)(F), substituted “by July 4, 1976” for “within ninety days after the date of enactment of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976”.

1979—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 96-137 struck out in text following subpar. (D), provision requiring that pipelines and associated facilities constructed at or procured for Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1 pursuant to this subsection have adequate capacity to accommodate not less than three hundred fifty thousand barrels of oil per day and 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.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-258 substituted provisions authorizing the Secretary to explore, etc., the naval petroleum reserves in his discretion, subject to subsec. (c) of this section and this chapter and excepting specified Reserves from leasing arrangements, for provisions authorizing the Secretary of the Navy, except as provided in section 7438 hereof, to explore, etc., the naval petroleum reserves and oil shale reserves in his discretion, subject to Presidential approval.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-258 in introductory cl. substituted provisions authorizing use and operation of naval petroleum reserves except as otherwise provided in this chapter and in particular subsec. (c) of this section, for provisions authorizing use and operation of naval petroleum and oil shale reserves and lands outside naval petroleum reserve numbered 1 covered by contracts under section 7426 of this title and in cl. (2) struck out reference to gas, oil shale and products thereof.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-258 substituted provisions setting forth manner of administration by Secretary of Naval Petroleum Reserves Numbered 1, 2, and 3, authorizing President to extend period of production of any naval petroleum reserve, and conditioning production authorization for Reserve Numbered 1, for provisions authorizing the Secretary to develop naval petroleum reserve numbered 4, South Barrow gas field, and to supply gas to government installations at or near Point Barrow and to the native village of Barrow.

1962—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 87-796 substituted “Except as otherwise provided in section 7438 hereof, the Secretary” for “The Secretary”, and included oil shale reserves.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 87-796 included oil shale reserves in the opening provisions, and substituted “petroleum, gas, oil shale and products thereof whenever” for “petroleum whenever” in cl. (2).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 87-599 added subsec. (c).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-178 effective Aug. 21, 2002, see section 5 of Pub. L. 108-178, set out as a note under section 5334 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

AVAILABILITY OF REVENUES FROM SALE OF NATURAL GAS FOR USE IN GAS PROTECTION ACTIVITY

Pub. L. 101-512, title II, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1947, provided in part: “That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, revenues received from the sale of natural gas after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 5, 1990] from wells drilled or communitized in fiscal year 1990 and thereafter as part of gas protection activity at the Naval Oil Shale Reserves shall be deposited in this account, to remain available until expended, for use in further gas protection activity”.

CONNECTIONS TO PIPELINE IN SOUTH BARROW GAS FIELD

Section 3 of Pub. L. 87-599 provided that: “The Federal agency or agencies in control of any pipeline between gas wells in the South Barrow gas field and the town of Barrow may authorize purchasers of the gas or carriers of the gas to install connections to such pipeline.”

§ 7423. Periodic re-examination of production requirements

The Secretary shall from time to time reexamine the need for the production of petroleum from oil shale for national defense when that production is authorized under section 7422 of this title. If he finds that the authorized quantity is no longer needed, he shall reduce production to the amount currently needed for national defense.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 458; Pub. L. 87-796, §1(3), Oct. 11, 1962, 76 Stat. 904; Pub. L. 94-258, title II, §201(4), Apr. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 309.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| <i>Revised section</i> | <i>Source (U.S. Code)</i> | <i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i> |
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| 7423 | 34 U.S.C. 524 (186th through 243d words of 1st par.). | June 4, 1920, ch. 228 (1st par., 186th through 243d words, of amended 3d and 4th provisos), 41 Stat. 813; June 30, 1938, ch. 851, §1, 52 Stat. 1252; June 17, 1944, ch. 262, 58 Stat. 280. |

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-258 struck out “of the Navy” after “Secretary” and “or products” after “petroleum”.

1962—Pub. L. 87-796 directed the Secretary to reexamine, from time to time, the need for production of products from oil shale.

§ 7424. Protection of oil reserves; contracts for conservation

(a) To consolidate and protect the oil lands owned by the United States, the Secretary may—

(1) contract with owners and lessees of land inside or adjoining naval petroleum reserves for—

(A) conservation of oil and gas; and

(B) compensation for estimated drainage in lieu of drilling or operating offset wells; and

(2) acquire privately owned lands or leases inside Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1 by exchange of—

(A) lands of the United States inside Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1;

(B) the right to royalty production from any of the naval petroleum reserves; and