

**§ 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

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
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
- (C) the right to any money due the United States as a result of the wrongful extraction of petroleum products from lands inside Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1.

(b) The Secretary shall report annually to Congress all agreements under this section.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 458; Pub. L. 87-796, §1(4), Oct. 11, 1962, 76 Stat. 904; Pub. L. 94-258, title II, §201(5), Apr. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 309; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §513(32)(A), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2933.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7424 .....	34 U.S.C. 524 (4th par., less 1st proviso).	June 4, 1920, ch. 228 (4th par., less 1st proviso, 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. 282.

AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1” for “naval petroleum reserve numbered 1” wherever appearing.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-258 struck out “of the Navy” after “Secretary”, “and oil shale” after “petroleum” in par. (1), and “in the ground” after “conservation” in subpar. (A) of par. (1).

1962—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 87-796 inserted provisions in cl. (1) empowering the Secretary to contract with owners and lessees of land inside or adjoining oil shale reserves.

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.

**§ 7425. Acquisition by condemnation and purchase**

(a) Whenever the Secretary is unable to make arrangements he considers satisfactory for exchanges of land or agreements for conservation authorized by section 7424 of this title, the Secretary may acquire, with the approval of the President, such privately owned lands and leases—

(1) by purchase, inside the naval petroleum reserves, or outside those reserves on the same geologic structure; and

(2) by condemnation, inside Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1, or, if there is substantial drainage, outside that reserve on the same geologic structure.

(b) The Secretary shall report annually to Congress all proceedings for purchase and condemnation under this section.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 458; Pub. L. 94-258, title II, §201(6), Apr. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 309; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §513(32)(A), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2933; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [div. C, title XXXIV, §3402(b)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-484.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7425 .....	34 U.S.C. 524 (5th par., 1st 123 words, and 169th through 193d words).	June 4, 1920, ch. 228 (5th par., 1st 123 words, and 169th through 193d 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. 282.

The words “Whenever the Secretary of the Navy is unable” are substituted for the words “In the event of the inability of the Secretary of the Navy” for brevity.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-398 substituted “for exchanges of land or agreements for conservation author-