

**§ 7101. Definitions**

(a) As used in this chapter, unless otherwise provided or indicated by the context, the term the “Department” means the Department of Energy or any component thereof, including the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

(b) As used in this chapter (1) reference to “function” includes reference to any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privilege, and activity, or the plural thereof, as the case may be; and (2) reference to “perform”, when used in relation to functions, includes the undertaking, fulfillment, or execution of any duty or obligation; and the exercise of power, authority, rights, and privileges.

(c) As used in this chapter, “Federal lease” means an agreement which, for any consideration, including but not limited to, bonuses, rents, or royalties conferred and covenants to be observed, authorizes a person to explore for, or develop, or produce (or to do any or all of these) oil and gas, coal, oil shale, tar sands, and geothermal resources on lands or interests in lands under Federal jurisdiction.

(Pub. L. 95-91, §2, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 567.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a), (b), and (c), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 95-91, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 565, as amended, known as the Department of Energy Organization Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

**SHORT TITLE OF 1997 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 105-28, §1, July 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 245, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 7191 and 7234 of this title and repealing section 776 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade] may be cited as the ‘Department of Energy Standardization Act of 1997.’”

**SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 101-271, §1, Apr. 11, 1990, 104 Stat. 135, provided that: “This Act [amending section 7171 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 7171 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Member Term Act of 1990.’”

**SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 95-91, §1, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 565, provided: “That this Act [enacting this chapter and section 916 of Title 7, Agriculture, amending sections 6833 and 6839 of this title, section 19 of Title 3, The President, sections 101, 5108, and 5312 to 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, section 1701z-8 of Title 12, Banks and Banking, and sections 766, 790a, 790d, and 2002 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, repealing sections 2036 and 5818 of this title and sections 763, 768, and 786 of Title 15, enacting provisions set out as a note under section 2201 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 761 of Title 15] may be cited as the ‘Department of Energy Organization Act.’”

For short title of part E of title XXXI of div. C of Pub. L. 101-510, which enacted subchapter XIII of this chapter, as the “Department of Energy Science Education Enhancement Act”, see section 3161 of Pub. L. 101-510, set out as a note under section 7381 of this title.

For short title of part A of title V of Pub. L. 103-382, which enacted subchapter XIV of this chapter, as the “Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Act of 1994”, see section 511 of Pub. L. 103-382, set out as a note under section 7382 of this title.

For short title of subtitle D of title XXXI of div. C of Pub. L. 106-65, which enacted subchapter XV of this

chapter, as the “Department of Energy Facilities Safeguards, Security, and Counterintelligence Enhancement Act of 1999”, see section 3141 of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as a note under section 7383 of this title.

For short title of section 1 [div. C, title XXXVI] of Pub. L. 106-398, which enacted subchapter XVI of this chapter, as the “Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000”, see section 1 [div. C, title XXXVI, §3601] of Pub. L. 106-398, set out as a note under section 7384 of this title.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12083**

Ex. Ord. No. 12083, Sept. 27, 1978, 43 F.R. 44813, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 12121, Feb. 26, 1979, 44 F.R. 11195; Ex. Ord. No. 12148, July 20, 1979, 44 F.R. 43239, which established the Energy Coordinating Committee and provided for its membership, functions, etc., was revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 12379, §20, Aug. 17, 1982, 47 F.R. 36100, set out as a note under section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**SUBCHAPTER I—DECLARATION OF FINDINGS AND PURPOSES****§ 7111. Congressional findings**

The Congress of the United States finds that—

(1) the United States faces an increasing shortage of nonrenewable energy resources;

(2) this energy shortage and our increasing dependence on foreign energy supplies present a serious threat to the national security of the United States and to the health, safety and welfare of its citizens;

(3) a strong national energy program is needed to meet the present and future energy needs of the Nation consistent with overall national economic, environmental and social goals;

(4) responsibility for energy policy, regulation, and research, development and demonstration is fragmented in many departments and agencies and thus does not allow for the comprehensive, centralized focus necessary for effective coordination of energy supply and conservation programs; and

(5) formulation and implementation of a national energy program require the integration of major Federal energy functions into a single department in the executive branch.

(Pub. L. 95-91, title I, §101, Aug. 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 567.)

**§ 7112. Congressional declaration of purpose**

The Congress therefore declares that the establishment of a Department of Energy is in the public interest and will promote the general welfare by assuring coordinated and effective administration of Federal energy policy and programs. It is the purpose of this chapter:

(1) To establish a Department of Energy in the executive branch.

(2) To achieve, through the Department, effective management of energy functions of the Federal Government, including consultation with the heads of other Federal departments and agencies in order to encourage them to establish and observe policies consistent with a coordinated energy policy, and to promote maximum possible energy conservation measures in connection with the activities within their respective jurisdictions.

(3) To provide for a mechanism through which a coordinated national energy policy