

Pub. L. 103-337, div. C, title XXXV, §3502, Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3111.

Pub. L. 103-332, title II, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2525.

Pub. L. 103-138, title II, Nov. 11, 1993, 107 Stat. 1405.

§ 7431. Requirements as to consultation and approval

(a) The Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives must be consulted and the President's approval must be obtained before any condemnation proceedings may be started under this chapter and before any of the following transactions authorized by this chapter may be effective:

(1) A lease of any part of the naval petroleum reserves.

(2) A contract to alienate from the United States the use, control, or possession of any part of the naval petroleum reserves (except that consultation and Presidential approval are not required in connection with the issuance of permits, licenses, easements, grazing and agricultural leases, rights-of-way, and similar contracts pertaining to use of the surface area of the naval petroleum reserves).

(3) A contract to sell the petroleum (other than royalty oil and gas) produced from any part of the naval petroleum reserves.

(4) A contract for conservation or for compensation for estimated drainage.

(5) An agreement to exchange land, the right to royalty production, or the right to any money due the United States.

(b)(1) During the period of production authorized by section 7422(c) of this title, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services of 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.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 460; Pub. L. 87-796, §1(7), Oct. 11, 1962, 76 Stat. 905; Pub. L. 94-258, title II, §201(12), Apr. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 311; Pub. L. 98-525, title XIV, §1405(52), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2625; Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, §1303(a)(25), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 740; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, §1502(a)(2), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 502; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, §1067(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 774; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title X, §1073(b), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 995.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7431	34 U.S.C. 524 (1st proviso of 4th par.).	June 4, 1920, ch. 228 (4th par., 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

2015—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 114-92 struck out subsec. (c) which required annual reports relating to naval petroleum reserves.

1999—Subsecs. (a), (b)(1), (c). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted “and the Committee on Armed Services” for “and the Committee on National Security”.

1996—Subsecs. (a), (b)(1), (c). Pub. L. 104-106 substituted “Committee on Armed Services of the Senate and the Committee on National Security of the House of Representatives” for “Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives”.

1985—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-145 in pars. (1) to (3) substituted “The” for “the” at beginning and periods for the semicolons at end, in par. (4) substituted “A summary” for “a summary” and a period for “; and”, and in par. (5) substituted “Such” for “such”.

1984—Subsecs. (b)(1), (c). Pub. L. 98-525 inserted “of this title” after “section 7422(c)”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-258 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), struck out “or oil shale” in pars. (1) and (2) before “reserves”, struck out “and oil shale” in pars. (2) and (3), before “reserves” substituted “petroleum (other than royalty oil and gas)” for “oil and gas (other than royalty oil and gas), oil shale, and products therefrom” in par. (3), and added subsecs. (b) and (c).

1962—Pub. L. 87-796 included oil shale reserves in cls. (1) and (2), inserted provisions in cl. (2) excepting consultation and Presidential approval in connection with issuance of permits, licenses, easements, grazing and agricultural leases, rights-of-way, and similar contracts pertaining to use of surface area of naval petroleum and oil shale reserves, and included oil shale, and products therefrom produced from any part of oil shale reserves.

CONTRACT FOR STUDIES OF POTENTIAL TRANSFER OUT OF FEDERAL CONTROL OF FACILITIES AND FUNCTIONS AT ELK HILLS AND TEAPOT DOME; RESTRICTIONS

Pub. L. 101-45, title I, §501, June 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 103, provided that no funds appropriated or made available under Pub. L. 101-45 or any other Act were to be used by the executive branch to contract with organizations outside Department of Energy to perform studies of potential transfer out of Federal ownership, management or control by sale, lease, or other disposition, in whole or in part, of facilities and functions of Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1 (Elk Hills) and Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 3 (Teapot Dome), and prohibited negotiation of changes to unit plan contract with Chevron which governed operation of Elk Hills, where purpose of changes was to prepare for divestiture of the Reserve, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-134, title I, §101(c) [title II], Apr. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 1321-156, 1321-187; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 104-140, §1(a), May 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 1327.

§ 7432. Authorizations of appropriations

(a) Funds for the following purposes may not be appropriated unless such appropriations have been specifically authorized by law:

(1) Exploration, prospecting, conservation, development, use, operations, 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 be authorized after April 5, 1976.