

(b) Purposes

It is the purpose of this section,¹ to provide for the funding of education and training programs to better identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe working conditions in and around mines.

(c) Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall—

- (1) be a public or private nonprofit entity; and
- (2) submit to the Secretary of Labor an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(d) Use of funds

Amounts received under a grant under this section shall be used to establish and implement education and training programs, or to develop training materials for employers and miners, concerning safety and health topics in mines, as determined appropriate by the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

(e) Awarding of grants

(1) Annual basis

Grants under this section shall be awarded on an annual basis.

(2) Special emphasis

In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary of Labor shall give special emphasis to programs and materials that target workers in smaller mines, including training miners and employers about new Mine Safety and Health Administration standards, high risk activities, or hazards identified by such Administration.

(3) Priority

In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary of Labor shall give priority to the funding of pilot and demonstration projects that the Secretary determines will provide opportunities for broad applicability for mine safety.

(f) Evaluation

The Secretary of Labor shall use not less than 1 percent of the funds made available to carry out this section in a fiscal year to conduct evaluations of the projects funded under grants under this section.

(g) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 109-236, §14, June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 504.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006, also known as the MINER Act, and not as part of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 which comprises this chapter.

§ 966. Retention of fees

The Mine Safety and Health Administration may retain up to \$2,499,000 in this fiscal year and

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each fiscal year thereafter from fees collected for the approval and certification of equipment, materials, and explosives for use in mines, and may utilize such sums for such activities.

(Pub. L. 113-76, div. H, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 357.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This fiscal year, referred to in text, is fiscal year 2014.

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2014, and also as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, and not as part of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 which comprises this chapter.

SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Similar provisions were contained in the following appropriation acts:

- Pub. L. 115-31, div. H, title I, May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 512.
- Pub. L. 114-113, div. H, title I, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2593.
- Pub. L. 113-235, div. G, title I, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2460.

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§ 1001. Definitions

As used in this chapter, the term—

- (a) “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior;
- (b) “geothermal lease” means a lease issued under authority of this chapter;
- (c) “geothermal resources” means (i) all products of geothermal processes, embracing indigenous steam, hot water and hot brines; (ii) steam and other gases, hot water and hot brines resulting from water, gas, or other

fluids artificially introduced into geothermal formations; (iii) heat or other associated energy found in geothermal formations; and (iv) any byproduct derived from them;

(d) “byproduct” means any mineral or minerals (exclusive of oil, hydrocarbon gas, and helium) which are found in solution or in association with geothermal steam and which have a value of less than 75 per centum of the value of the geothermal steam or are not, because of quantity, quality, or technical difficulties in extraction and production, of sufficient value to warrant extraction and production by themselves;

(e) “known geothermal resources area” means an area in which the geology, nearby discoveries, competitive interests, or other indicia would, in the opinion of the Secretary, engender a belief in men who are experienced in the subject matter that the prospects for extraction of geothermal steam or associated geothermal resources are good enough to warrant expenditures of money for that purpose.

(f) “Significant¹ thermal features within units of the National Park System” shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Thermal features within units of the National Park System listed in Section¹ 1026(a)(1) of this title and designated as significant in the Federal Register notice of August 3, 1987 (Vol. 52, No. 148 Fed. Reg. 28790).

(2) Crater Lake National Park.

(3) Thermal features within Big Bend National Park and Lake Mead National Recreation Area proposed as significant in the Federal Register notice of February 13, 1987 (Vol. 52, No. 30 Fed. Reg. 4700).

(4) Thermal features within units of the National Park System added to the significant thermal features list pursuant to section 1026(a)(2) of this title.

(g) “direct use” means utilization of geothermal resources for commercial, residential, agricultural, public facilities, or other energy needs other than the commercial production of electricity; and²

(Pub. L. 91-581, §2, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1566; Pub. L. 100-443, §2(a), Sept. 22, 1988, 102 Stat. 1766; Pub. L. 109-58, title II, §236(1), (2), (5), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 671.)

AMENDMENTS

2005—Pub. L. 109-58, §236(5), inserted section catchline.

Par. (c). Pub. L. 109-58, §236(1), substituted “geothermal resources” for “geothermal steam and associated geothermal resources”.

Par. (g). Pub. L. 109-58, §236(2), added par. (g).

1988—Par. (f). Pub. L. 100-443 added par. (f).

SHORT TITLE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-58, title II, §221, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 660, provided that: “This subtitle [subtitle B (§§221-237) of title II of Pub. L. 109-58, enacting part B (§15871 et seq.) of subchapter II of chapter 149 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, amending this section and sections 530 and 1002 to 1027 of this title, enacting provisions set

out as notes under section 1004 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under this section] may be cited as the ‘John Rishel Geothermal Steam Act Amendments of 2005.’”

SHORT TITLE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-443, §1, Sept. 22, 1988, 102 Stat. 1766, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 1026 and 1027 of this title, amending this section and sections 191, 226-3, 1005, 1017, and 1019 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 1005 and 1026 of this title] may be known as the ‘Geothermal Steam Act Amendments of 1988.’”

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 91-581, §1, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1566, as amended by Pub. L. 109-58, title II, §236(4), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 671, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter and amending section 530 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Geothermal Steam Act of 1970.’”

§ 1002. Lands subject to geothermal leasing

Subject to the provisions of section 1014 of this title, the Secretary of the Interior may issue leases for the development and utilization of geothermal resources (1) in lands administered by him, including public, withdrawn, and acquired lands, (2) in any national forest or other lands administered by the Department of Agriculture through the Forest Service, including public, withdrawn, and acquired lands, and (3) in lands which have been conveyed by the United States subject to a reservation to the United States of the geothermal resources therein.

(Pub. L. 91-581, §3, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1566; Pub. L. 109-58, title II, §236(1), (6), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 671, 672.)

AMENDMENTS

2005—Pub. L. 109-58 inserted section catchline and substituted “geothermal resources” for “geothermal steam and associated geothermal resources” in two places in text.

§ 1002a. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-214, §7(16), July 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 174

Section, Pub. L. 95-356, title VIII, §803(a), (b), Sept. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 585; Pub. L. 96-125, title VIII, §802(2), Nov. 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 948; Pub. L. 97-99, title IX, §908, Dec. 23, 1981, 95 Stat. 1385, related to development of geothermal energy sources on military lands, contracts for provision and operation of production facilities and energy purchases, and terms, conditions and prerequisites of such contracts. See sections 2917 and 2922a of Title 10, Armed Forces.

Pub. L. 95-356, title VIII, §803(c), Sept. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 585, which provided that this section take effect Oct. 1, 1978, was repealed by Pub. L. 97-214, §7(16), July 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 174.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1982, and applicable to military construction projects, and to construction and acquisition of military family housing before, on, or after such date, see section 12(a) of Pub. L. 97-214, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2801 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 1003. Leasing procedures

(a) Nominations

The Secretary shall accept nominations of land to be leased at any time from qualified companies and individuals under this chapter.

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