

1962—Pub. L. 87-533, §1(a)(1), (b), July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 154, 155, substituted “United States Naval Oceanographic” for “Hydrographic” in chapter heading and in items 7391 to 7393.

**§ 8715. Naval Observatory: administration**

(a) The Naval Observatory shall be attached to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

(b) The Superintendent of the Naval Observatory shall be detailed from officers in the line of the Navy serving in the grade of captain or above.

(c) The Secretary of the Navy may detail any officer of the Navy, competent for that duty, to supervise the Nautical Almanac.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 457, § 7395; renumbered § 8715, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(4), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7395 .....	5 U.S.C. 133y-16 (note).	Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1946, Part III, § 301, 60 Stat. 1099.
	5 U.S.C. 461.	Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 852, 31 Stat. 1122 (2d par., last sentence).
	5 U.S.C. 463.	R.S. 436; June 29, 1949, ch. 278, 63 Stat. 300 (2d par.).

In subsection (a) the words “together with their respective functions, are hereby transferred from the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy” are omitted as executed. The words “attached to” are substituted for the words “and shall be administered, subject to the direction and control of the Secretary of the Navy, under the Chief of Naval Operations” for brevity. All orders issued by the Chief of Naval Operations in performing the duties assigned to him are issued under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy.

In subsection (b) the words “until further legislation by Congress” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c) the word “detail” is substituted for the word “place”. The words “in charge” are omitted as surplusage. The word “duty” is substituted for the word “service” for clarity.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7395 of this title as this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

**§ 8716. Naval Observatory: exchange of information with foreign offices**

(a) The Secretary of the Navy may arrange to exchange data with foreign almanac offices to reduce the duplication of work in preparing the different national nautical and astronomical almanacs and make available for publication a larger amount of data useful to navigators and astronomers. Each such arrangement shall be made terminable on one year’s notice.

(b) The work of the Nautical Almanac Office shall be so conducted that in an emergency the part of the work intended for the use of navigators may be computed by the force of the office without foreign cooperation.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 457, § 7396; Pub. L. 95-357, Sept. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 591; renumbered

§ 8716, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(4), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7396 .....	5 U.S.C. 464.	Aug. 22, 1912, ch. 335, 37 Stat. 342 (2d par.).

In subsection (a) the words “as he may from time to time deem desirable with a view” are omitted as surplusage. The words “a larger amount of data useful” are substituted for the words “increase the total data which may be of use” for clarity.

In subsection (b) the words “during the continuance of any such arrangement” are omitted as surplusage. The third proviso of 5 U.S.C. 464 is omitted as obsolete.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7396 of this title as this section.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-357 struck out “in the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac” after “for publication”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

**CHAPTER 869—NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVES**

- Sec. 8720. Definitions.
- 8721. Jurisdiction and control.
- 8722. Administration.
- 8723. Periodic re-examination of production requirements.
- 8724. Protection of oil reserves; contracts for conservation.
- 8725. Acquisition by condemnation and purchase.
- 8727. Cooperative or unit plans in the naval petroleum reserves.
- 8728. Agreements and leases: provision for change.
- 8729. Re-lease of certain lands: lessee’s preferential right.
- 8730. Disposition of products.
- 8731. Requirements as to consultation and approval.
- 8732. Authorizations of appropriations.
- 8733. Disposition of royalties.
- 8735. Foreign interest.
- 8736. Regulations.
- 8737. Violations by lessee.
- 8738. Rifle, Colorado, plant; possession, use, and transfer of.
- 8739. Certain oil shale reserves: transfer of jurisdiction and petroleum exploration, development, and production.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 869, consisting of sections 8961 to 8966, related to retired grade for members of the Air Force, prior to renumbering as chapter 943 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(e)(4), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1838, redesignated chapter 641 of this title as this chapter and items 7420 to 7425, 7427 to 7433, and 7435 to 7439 as 8720 to 8725, 8727 to 8733, and 8735 to 8739, respectively.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [div. C, title XXXIV, § 3402(b)(3)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-484, struck out item 7426 “Cooperative or unit plans affecting Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1”.

1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. C, title XXXIV, §3404(b), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2061, added item 7439.

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title X, §1074(a)(19), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2660, struck out item 7434 “Annual report to congressional committees”.

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, §§1502(a)(28)(B), 1503(b)(4), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 506, 513, substituted “Agreements” for “Agreement” in item 7428 and “congressional committees” for “Armed Services Committees” in item 7434.

1990—Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIII, §1331(9), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1673, amended item 7434 generally, substituting “Annual report” for “Quarterly reports”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §513(32)(C), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2933, substituted “Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered” for “naval petroleum reserve numbered” in item 7426.

1979—Pub. L. 96-137, §3(b)(2), Dec. 12, 1979, 93 Stat. 1062, substituted “Authorizations of appropriations” for “Naval petroleum reserve special account” in item 7432.

1976—Pub. L. 94-258, title II, §201(20), Apr. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 313, added item 7420 and substituted “Naval petroleum reserve special account” for “Expenditures; appropriations chargeable” in item 7432.

1962—Pub. L. 87-796, §1(13), Oct. 11, 1962, 76 Stat. 906, substituted “Rifle, Colorado, plant; possession, use, and transfer of” for “Exclusion of naval oil shale reserves” in item 7438.

### § 8720. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) The term “national defense” includes the needs of, and the planning and preparedness to meet, essential defense, industrial, and military emergency energy requirements relative to the national safety, welfare, and economy, particularly resulting from foreign military or economic actions.

(2) The term “naval petroleum reserves” means the naval petroleum and oil shale reserves established by this chapter, including Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 1 (Elk Hills), located in Kern County, California, established by Executive order of the President, dated September 2, 1912; Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 2 (Buena Vista), located in Kern County, California, established by Executive order of the President, dated December 13, 1912; Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 3 (Teapot Dome), located in Wyoming, established by Executive order of the President, dated April 30, 1915; Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 1, located in Colorado, established by Executive order of the President, dated December 6, 1916, as amended by Executive order dated June 12, 1919; Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 2, located in Utah, established by Executive order of the President, dated December 6, 1916; and Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 3, located in Colorado, established by Executive order of the President, dated September 27, 1924.

(3) The term “petroleum” includes crude oil, gases (including natural gas), natural gasoline, and other related hydrocarbons, oil shale, and the products of any of such resources.

(4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Energy.

(5) The term “small refiner” means an owner of a refinery or refineries (including refineries not in operation) who qualifies as a small business refiner under the rules and regulations of the Small Business Administration.

(6) The term “maximum efficient rate” means the maximum sustainable daily oil or gas rate from a reservoir which will permit economic development and depletion of that reservoir without detriment to the ultimate recovery.

(Added Pub. L. 94-258, title II, §201(1), Apr. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 307, §7420; amended Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §513(30), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2933; Pub. L. 100-26, §7(k)(5), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 284; renumbered §8720, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(5), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7420 of this title as this section.

1987—Pub. L. 100-26 substituted colon for dash at end of introductory provisions, inserted “The term” in each par., substituted periods for semicolons in pars. (1) to (4) and period for “; and” in par. (5).

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 in introductory text struck out “(a)” before “In”, in par. (2) struck out provisions relating to Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 4, and in par. (4) substituted “Energy” for “the Navy”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### 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.

#### NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVE

Pub. L. 109-58, title III, subtitle D, Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 694, provided that:

“SEC. 331. TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE JURISDICTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION, NAVAL PETROLEUM RESERVE NUMBERED 2, KERN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

“(a) ADMINISTRATION JURISDICTION TRANSFER TO SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 8, 2005], administrative jurisdiction and control over all public domain lands included within Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 2 located in Kern County, California (other than the lands specified in subsection (b)), are transferred from the Secretary to the Secretary of the Interior for management, subject to subsection (c), in accordance with the laws governing management of the public lands, and the regulations promulgated under such laws, including the Mineral Leasing Act (30 U.S.C. 181 et seq.) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.).

“(b) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN RESERVE LANDS.—The transfer of administrative jurisdiction made by subsection (a) does not include the following lands:

“(1) That portion of Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 2 authorized for disposal under section 3403(a) of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261; 10 U.S.C. 7420 note [now 10 U.S.C. 8720 note]).

“(2) That portion of the surface estate of Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 2 conveyed to the City of Taft, California, by section 333.

“(c) PURPOSE OF TRANSFER.—

“(1) PRODUCTION OF HYDROCARBON RESOURCES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the principal purpose of the lands subject to transfer under subsection (a) is the production of hydrocarbon resources, and the Secretary of the Interior shall manage the lands in a fashion consistent with this pur-