

§ 5(b)(1), (2), Sept. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 729; Pub. L. 102-486, title XIV, § 1404(b)(1), Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2995; Pub. L. 106-469, title I, § 103(19), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2033.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Public Law 93-344, as amended, referred to in subsec. (d)(2), is Pub. L. 93-344, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 297, as amended, known as the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974. Title III of that Act is classified generally to subchapter I (§ 631 et seq.) of chapter 17A of Title 2, The Congress. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 621 of Title 2 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-469, § 103(19)(A)(i), substituted “for test sales of petroleum products from the Reserve, and for the drawdown, sale,” for “and the drawdown” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 106-469, § 103(19)(A)(ii), struck out par. (1) which read as follows: “in the case of fiscal year 1982, in an aggregate amount, not to exceed \$3,900,000,000, as may be provided in advance in appropriation Acts;”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 106-469, § 103(19)(A)(iii), struck out “after fiscal year 1982” after “any fiscal year”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-469, § 103(19)(B), struck out subsec. (e) which read as follows:

“(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), nothing in this part shall be construed to limit the Account from being used to meet expenses relating to interim storage facilities for the storage of petroleum products for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

“(2) In any fiscal year, amounts in the Account may not be obligated for expenses relating to interim storage facilities in excess of 10 percent of the total amounts in the Account obligated in such fiscal year. If the amount obligated in any fiscal year for interim storage expenses is less than the amount of the 10-percent limit under the preceding sentence for that fiscal year, then the amount of the 10-percent limit applicable in the following fiscal year shall be increased by the amount by which the limit exceeded the amount obligated for such expenses.”

1992—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 102-486 substituted “under subsection (g)” for “subsection (g)”.

1990—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 101-383, § 5(b)(1), inserted before period at end “, or from the sale of petroleum products under section 6240(f) of this title”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-383, § 5(b)(2), inserted “, and from the sale of petroleum products under section 6240(f) of this title” after “subsection (g) of such section”.

1985—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 99-58, § 103(b)(3), inserted “, including a drawdown and distribution carried out under subsection (g) of such section” after “section 6241 of this title”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-58, § 103(b)(4), inserted “, including a drawdown and distribution carried out under subsection (g) of such section” after “section 6241 of this title” in provisions preceding par. (1).

1982—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 97-229 added subsec. (e).

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Aug. 13, 1981, see section 1038 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as an Effective Date of 1981 Amendment note under section 6240 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SPR PETROLEUM ACCOUNT FOR
DRAWDOWN AND SALE OPERATIONS

Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(3) [title II], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1535, 1501A-180, provided in part: “That the Secretary of Energy hereafter may transfer to the SPR Petroleum Account such funds as may be necessary to carry out drawdown and sale operations of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve initiated under section 161 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42

U.S.C. 6241) from any funds available to the Department of Energy under this or any other Act: *Provided further*, That all funds transferred pursuant to this authority must be replenished as promptly as possible from oil sale receipts pursuant to the drawdown and sale.”

ACQUISITION, TRANSPORTATION, AND INJECTION OF PE-
TROLEUM PRODUCTS FOR SPR; APPLICABILITY OF
SUBSEC. (d)

Pub. L. 97-35, title X, § 1034(c), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 620, provided that: “The provisions of section 167(d) of such Act, as added by subsection (a) of this section [subsec. (d) of this section], shall apply with respect to the outlays associated with unexpended balances of appropriations made available and obligated as of the end of fiscal year 1981 for the acquisition, transportation, and injection of petroleum products for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to the same extent and manner as such provisions apply with respect to withdrawals from the SPR Petroleum Account.”

§ 6247a. Use of underutilized facilities

(a) Authority

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the Secretary, by lease or otherwise, for any term and under such other conditions as the Secretary considers necessary or appropriate, may store in underutilized Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities petroleum product¹ owned by a foreign government or its representative. Petroleum products stored under this section are not part of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and may be exported without license from the United States.

(b) Protection of facilities

All agreements entered into pursuant to subsection (a) shall contain provisions providing for fees to fully compensate the United States for all related costs of storage and removals of petroleum products (including the proportionate cost of replacement facilities necessitated as a result of any withdrawals) incurred by the United States on behalf of the foreign government or its representative.

(c) Access to stored oil

The Secretary shall ensure that agreements to store petroleum products for foreign governments or their representatives do not impair the ability of the United States to withdraw, distribute, or sell petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in response to an energy emergency or to the obligations of the United States under the Agreement on an International Energy Program.

(d) Availability of funds

Funds collected through the leasing of Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities authorized by subsection (a) after September 30, 2007, shall be used by the Secretary of Energy without further appropriation for the purchase of petroleum products for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

(Pub. L. 94-163, title I, § 168, as added Pub. L. 105-33, title IX, § 9303(a), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 676.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of Pub. L. 94-163,

¹ So in original. Probably should be “products”.

Dec. 22, 1975, 89 Stat. 875, which is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Tables.

§ 6247b. Purchase of oil from marginal wells

(a) In general

From amounts authorized under section 6246 of this title, in any case in which the price of oil decreases to an amount less than \$15.00 per barrel (an amount equal to the annual average well head price per barrel for all domestic crude oil), adjusted for inflation, the Secretary may purchase oil from a marginal well at \$15.00 per barrel, adjusted for inflation.

(b) Definition of marginal well

The term “marginal well” has the same meaning as the definition of “stripper well property” in section 613A(c)(6)(E) of title 26.

(Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §169, as added Pub. L. 106-469, title III, §301(a), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2037.)

PART C—AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT FOR PETROLEUM PRODUCT NOT OWNED BY UNITED STATES

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior part C, consisting of section 6251 of this title, was redesignated part E of this subchapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109-58.

§ 6249. Contracting for petroleum product and facilities

(a) In general

Subject to the other provisions of this part, the Secretary may contract—

(1) for storage, in otherwise unused Strategic Petroleum Reserve facilities, of petroleum product not owned by the United States; and

(2) for storage, in storage facilities other than those of the Reserve, of petroleum product either owned or not owned by the United States.

(b) Conditions

(1) Petroleum product stored pursuant to such a contract shall, until the expiration, termination, or other conclusion of the contract, be a part of the Reserve and subject to the Secretary’s authority under part B.

(2) The Secretary may enter into a contract for storage of petroleum product under subsection (a) only if—

(A) the Secretary determines (i) that entering into one or more contracts under such subsection would achieve benefits comparable to the acquisition of an equivalent amount of petroleum product, or an equivalent volume of storage capacity, for the Reserve under part B, and (ii) that, because of budgetary constraints, the acquisition of an equivalent amount of petroleum product or volume of storage space for the Reserve cannot be accomplished under part B; and

(B) the Secretary notifies each House of the Congress of the determination and identifies in the notification the location, type, and ownership of storage and related facilities proposed to be included, or the volume, type, and ownership of petroleum products proposed to be stored, in the Reserve, and an estimate of the proposed benefits.

(3) A contract entered into under subsection (a) shall not limit the discretion of the President or the Secretary to conduct a drawdown and sale of petroleum products from the Reserve.

(4) A contract entered into under subsection (a) shall include a provision that the obligation of the United States to make payments under the contract in any fiscal year is subject to the availability of appropriations.

(c) Charge for storage

The Secretary may store petroleum product pursuant to a contract entered into under subsection (a)(1) with or without charge or may pay a fee for its storage.

(d) Duration

Contracts entered into under subsection (a) may be of such duration as the Secretary considers necessary or appropriate.

(e) Binding arbitration

The Secretary may agree to binding arbitration of disputes under any contract entered into under subsection (a).

(f) Availability of funds

The Secretary may utilize such funds as are available in the SPR Petroleum Account to carry out the activities described in subsection (a), and may obligate and expend such funds to carry out such activities, in advance of the receipt of petroleum products.

(Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §171, as added Pub. L. 101-383, §6(a)(4), Sept. 15, 1990, 104 Stat. 729; amended Pub. L. 102-486, title XIV, §1403, Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 2994; Pub. L. 106-469, title I, §103(20), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2033.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 171 of Pub. L. 94-163 was renumbered section 191 and was classified to section 6251 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109-58.

AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 106-469, §103(20)(A), amended subpar. (B) generally. Prior to amendment, subpar. (B) read as follows: “the Secretary notifies each House of the Congress of such determination and includes in such notification the same information required under section 6234(e) of this title with regard to storage and related facilities proposed to be included, or petroleum product proposed to be stored, in the Reserve.”

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 106-469, §103(20)(B), substituted “sale of petroleum products from” for “distribution of”.

1992—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 102-486 added subsec. (f).

§ 6249a. Implementation

(a), (b) Repealed. Pub. L. 106-469, title I, § 103(21), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2033

(c) Legal status regarding other law

Petroleum product and facilities contracted for under this part have the same status as petroleum product and facilities owned by the United States for all purposes associated with the exercise of the laws of any State or political subdivision thereof.

(d) Return of product

At such time as the petroleum product contracted for under this part is withdrawn from