any other entity existing or organized under the laws of the United States, or any officer, employee, agent, department, or other instrumentality of the Federal Government or of any State or political subdivision thereof.

(7) The term "prospecting" means any activity, including logistic support, the purpose of which is the identification of mineral resource potential for possible exploration and development.

(8) The term "Under Secretary" means the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

(Pub. L. 101-594, §3, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2976.)

# §2463. Prohibition of Antarctic mineral resource activities

It is unlawful for any person to engage in, finance, or otherwise knowingly provide assistance to any Antarctic mineral resource activity.

(Pub. L. 101-594, §4, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2977; Pub. L. 104-227, title II, §202(a), Oct. 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 3044.)

#### Amendments

1996—Pub. L. 104–227 substituted "It" for "Pending a new agreement among the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties in force for the United States, to which the Senate has given advice and consent or which is authorized by further legislation by the Congress, which provides an indefinite ban on Antarctic mineral resource activities, it".

# § 2464. Repealed. Pub. L. 104–227, title II, § 202(b), Oct. 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 3044

Section, Pub. L. 101-594, §5, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2977, declared the sense of Congress that Secretary of State should negotiate international agreements relating to protection of Antarctic environment and that any such international agreement be consistent with purpose and provisions of this chapter.

# §2465. Enforcement

#### (a) In general

A violation of this chapter or any regulation promulgated under this chapter is deemed to be a violation of the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 2431–2444) and shall be enforced under that Act by the Under Secretary or another Federal official to whom the Under Secretary has delegated this responsibility.

#### (b) Penalty

If the Under Secretary determines that a person has violated section 2463 of this title—

(1) that person shall be ineligible to locate a mining claim under the mining laws of the United States; and

(2) the Secretary of the Interior shall refuse to issue a patent under the mining laws of the United States, or a lease under the laws of the United States related to mineral or geothermal leasing, to any such person who attempts to perfect such patent or lease application after the Under Secretary has made such determination.

(Pub. L. 101-594, §5, formerly §6, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2977; renumbered §5, Pub. L. 104-227, title II, §202(c), Oct. 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 3044.)

# References in Text

The Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act, referred to in subsec. (a), probably means the Antarctic Marine Living Resources Convention Act of 1984, title III of Pub. L. 98-623, Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3398, which is classified generally to chapter 44A (§2431 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2431 of this title and Tables.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 5 of Pub. L. 101-594 was classified to section 2464 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-227.

## §2466. Repealed. Pub. L. 104–227, title II, §202(b), Oct. 2, 1996, 110 Stat. 3044

Section, Pub. L. 101-594, §7, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2978, authorized appropriations for fiscal years 1991 and 1992 to carry out this chapter.

# CHAPTER 45—URBAN PARK AND RECREATION RECOVERY PROGRAM

2501 to 2514. Omitted, Transferred, or Repealed.

#### §2501. Omitted

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#### CODIFICATION

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1002, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3538, which related to congressional findings, was omitted from the Code following the enactment of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs, by Pub. L. 113-287.

#### §2502. Transferred

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1003, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3539; Pub. L. 103-322, title III, §§31501, 31505(b), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1888, 1890, which related to congressional statement of purpose regarding establishment of urban park and recreation recovery program, was transferred and is set out as a note under section 200501 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

## § 2503. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1004, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3539; Pub. L. 103-322, title III, §31502, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1888, provided definitions for this chapter. See section 200501 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

# §2504. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1005, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3540; Pub. L. 103-322, title III, §31503, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1889, related to Federal assistance grants. See section 200502 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

## § 2505. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1006, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3541, related to rehabilitation and innovation grants. See section 200503 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

## §2506. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1007, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3541; Pub. L. 103-322, title III, §31504, Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1889, related to local commitments to system

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recovery and maintenance. See section 200504 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

#### §2507. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1008, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3542, related to State action incentive; Federal implementation grants, increase. See section 200505 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

#### §2508. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1009, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3543, related to matching requirements; non-Federal share of project costs. See section 200506 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

## §2509. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1010, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3543, related to conversion of recreation property. See section 200507 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

## §2510. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1011, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3543, related to coordination of program. See section 200508 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

## §2511. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1012, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3543, related to recordkeeping, audit and examination, and access to books and records. See section 200509 of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

## §2512. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1013, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3544; Pub. L. 98-454, title VI, §601(a), Oct. 5, 1984, 98 Stat. 1736; Pub. L. 103-322, title III, §31505(a), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1889, related to authorization of appropriations. See sections 200510 and 200511(a) to (d) of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

# §2513. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95–625, title X, §1014, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3544, related to limitation of use of funds. See section 200511(e) of Title 54, National Park Service and Related Programs.

# §2514. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–287, §7, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3272

Section, Pub. L. 95-625, title X, §1015, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3544; Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title VIII, §814(d)(1)(M), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4196, related to sunset and reporting provisions.

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# §2601. Findings

The Congress finds that the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, the preservation of national security, and the proper exercise of congressional authority under the Constitution to regulate interstate commerce require—

(1) a program providing for increased conservation of electric energy, increased efficiency in the use of facilities and resources by electric utilities, and equitable retail rates for electric consumers,

(2) a program to improve the wholesale distribution of electric energy, the reliability of electric service, the procedures concerning consideration of wholesale rate applications before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the participation of the public in matters before the Commission, and to provide other measures with respect to the regulation of the wholesale sale of electric energy,

(3) a program to provide for the expeditious development of hydroelectric potential at existing small dams to provide needed hydroelectric power,

(4) a program for the conservation of natural gas while insuring that rates to natural gas consumers are equitable,

(5) a program to encourage the development of crude oil transportation systems, and

(6) the establishment of certain other authorities as provided in title VI of this Act.

(Pub. L. 95-617, §2, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3119.)

#### References in Text

This Act, referred to in par. (6), is Pub. L. 95–617, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3117, as amended, known as the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978. Title VI of this Act enacted sections 824a–4 and 2645 of this title, section 918c of Title 7, Agriculture, and sections 717x to 717z of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, amended section 717f of Title 15 and sections 1311, 1312, and 1314 to 1316 of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining, and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 2621 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.