

laws: “In order to evaluate the implementation of the Distribution Plan, the Secretary shall, commencing within 180 days after July 2, 1985, carry out a test draw-down and distribution under this subsection through the sale or exchange of approximately 1,100,000 barrels of crude oil from the Reserve. The requirement of this paragraph shall not apply if the President determines, within the 180-day period described in the preceding sentence, that implementation of the Distribution Plan is required by a severe energy supply interruption or by obligations of the United States under the international energy program.”

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 101-383, §3(b), added subsec. (h).

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 101-383, §10, added subsec. (i).

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-58, §103(b)(2), inserted reference to subsec. (g) of this section.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 99-58, §103(a), added subsec. (g).

1978—Subsecs. (a), (e), (f). Pub. L. 95-619 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”, meaning Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-388, §9(c), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3484, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] takes effect on the earlier of—

“(1) the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 13, 1998]; or

“(2) the date that final regulations are issued under subsection (b) [set out as a note below].”

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 105-388, §9(b), Nov. 13, 1998, 112 Stat. 3484, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall issue such regulations as are necessary to carry out the amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section].

“(2) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE.—Regulations issued to carry out the amendment made by subsection (a) shall not be subject to—

“(A) section 523 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6393); or

“(B) section 501 of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7191).”

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE DRAWDOWN AND SALE

Provisions related to drawdown and sale from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve were contained in the following acts:

Pub. L. 116-136, div. B, title IV, §14002(b), Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 526.

Pub. L. 116-94, div. C, title III, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2671.

Pub. L. 115-270, title III, §3009, Oct. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 3870.

Pub. L. 115-244, div. A, title III, Sept. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 2908.

Pub. L. 115-141, div. D, title III, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 520.

Pub. L. 115-141, div. O, title V, §501(a), (b), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 1079, 1080.

Pub. L. 115-123, div. C, title II, §30204(a), (b), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 126, 127.

Pub. L. 115-97, title II, §20003, Dec. 22, 2017, 131 Stat. 2237.

Pub. L. 115-56, div. D, §158, as added by Pub. L. 115-123, div. B, §20101(2), Feb. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 120.

Pub. L. 114-255, div. A, title V, §5010(a), (b), Dec. 13, 2016, 130 Stat. 1197, 1198.

Pub. L. 114-94, div. C, title XXXII, §32204, Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1740.

Pub. L. 114-74, title IV, §403, Nov. 2, 2015, 129 Stat. 589.

§ 6242. Coordination with import quota system

No quantitative restriction on the importation of any petroleum product into the United States imposed by law shall apply to volumes of

any such petroleum product imported into the United States for storage in the Reserve.

(Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §162, Dec. 22, 1975, 89 Stat. 889.)

§ 6243. Records and accounts

(a) Preparation and maintenance

The Secretary may require any person to prepare and maintain such records or accounts as the Secretary, by rule, determines necessary to carry out the purposes of this part.

(b) Audit of operations of storage facility

The Secretary may audit the operations of any storage facility in which any petroleum product is stored or required to be stored pursuant to the provisions of this part.

(c) Access to and inspection of records or accounts and storage facilities

The Secretary may require access to, and the right to inspect and examine, at reasonable times, (1) any records or accounts required to be prepared or maintained pursuant to subsection (a) and (2) any storage facilities subject to audit by the United States under the authority of this part.

(Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §163, Dec. 22, 1975, 89 Stat. 889; Pub. L. 95-619, title VI, §691(b)(2), Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3288.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-619 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”, meaning Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration, wherever appearing.

§ 6244. Repealed. Pub. L. 106-469, title I, § 103(16), Nov. 9, 2000, 114 Stat. 2032

Section, Pub. L. 94-163, title I, §164, Dec. 22, 1975, 89 Stat. 889; Pub. L. 94-258, title I, §105(a), Apr. 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 305; Pub. L. 95-619, title VI, §691(b)(2), Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3288, required a report on development of Naval Petroleum Reserve Number 4.

§ 6245. Annual report

The Secretary shall report annually to the President and the Congress on actions taken to implement this part. This report shall include—

(1) the status of the physical capacity of the Reserve and the type and quantity of petroleum products in the Reserve;

(2) an estimate of the schedule and cost to complete planned equipment upgrade or capital investment in the Reserve, including upgrades and investments carried out as part of operational maintenance or extension of life activities;

(3) an identification of any life-limiting conditions or operational problems at any Reserve facility, and proposed remedial actions including an estimate of the schedule and cost of implementing those remedial actions;

(4) a description of current withdrawal and distribution rates and capabilities, and an identification of any operational or other limitations on those rates and capabilities;

(5) a listing of petroleum product acquisitions made in the preceding year and planned in the following year, including quantity, price, and type of petroleum;