

Public Law 96-137  
96th Congress

An Act

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1980 for conservation, exploration, development, and use of naval petroleum reserves and naval oil shale reserves, and for other purposes.

Dec. 12, 1979  
[H.R. 3354]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Energy for fiscal year 1980 for conservation, exploration, development, and use of the naval petroleum reserves and the naval oil shale reserves under chapter 641 of title 10, United States Code, the sum of \$85,210,000, of which—

Naval petroleum and oil shale reserves, appropriation authorizations for fiscal year 1980.  
10 USC 7420 *et seq.*

- (1) \$5,300,000 shall be available for exploration of Naval Petroleum Reserves Numbered 1 and 2;
- (2) \$52,911,000 shall be available for operation and maintenance of Naval Petroleum Reserves Numbered 1 and 2;
- (3) \$16,089,000 shall be available for operation, maintenance, and development drilling of Naval Petroleum Reserve Numbered 3;
- (4) \$5,010,000 shall be available for oil and gas exploration of Naval Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 2; and
- (5) \$2,000,000 shall be available for development of Naval Oil Shale Reserves Numbered 1, 2, and 3.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Navy, in coordination with the Secretary of Energy, shall insure that commissioned officers of the Navy on active duty continue to be assigned to key management positions within the Office of Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves in the Department of Energy. The position of Director of such Office shall continue to be filled by a qualified officer of the Navy on active duty in the grade of captain.

42 USC 7156a.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 7422(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking out the last sentence of paragraph (1).

(b)(1) Section 7432 of such title is amended to read as follows:

10 USC 7432.

**“§ 7432. Authorizations of appropriations**

“(a) Funds for the following purposes may not be appropriated unless such appropriations have been specifically authorized by law:

“(1) Exploration, prospecting, conservation, development, use, operations, and production of the naval petroleum reserves as authorized by this chapter;

“(2) Production (including preparation for production) as authorized by this chapter or as may be authorized after April 5, 1976.

“(3) The construction and operation of facilities both within and outside the naval petroleum reserves incident to the production and the delivery of petroleum, including pipelines and shipping terminals.

Sums appropriated for such purposes shall remain available until expended.

"(b) Contracts under this chapter providing for the obligation of funds may be entered into for a period of five years, renewable for an additional five-year period; however, such contracts may obligate funds only to the extent that such funds are made available in appropriation Acts."

(2) The item relating to section 7432 in the table of sections at the beginning of chapter 641 of such title is amended to read as follows: "7432. Authorizations of appropriations."

(c) The naval petroleum reserves special account established by section 7432 of title 10, United States Code, as in existence on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, is abolished. Unappropriated balances of funds in the naval petroleum reserves special account on the date of the enactment of this Act shall be transferred on the books of the Treasury into miscellaneous receipts, and all moneys accruing to the United States after such date under chapter 641 of title 10, United States Code, shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

Approved December 12, 1979.

Naval petroleum reserves special account, abolishment. 42 USC 7432 note. Transfer of funds.

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 96-91 (Comm. on Armed Services) and No. 95-596 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 96-325 (Comm. on Armed Services) and No. 96-410 (Comm. of Conference).

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Apr. 25, considered and passed House.

Sept. 27, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Nov. 9, Senate agreed to conference report.

Nov. 28, House agreed to conference report.