

1 (1) APPROVAL BY SECRETARY OF THE INTE-
2 RIOR.—

3 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law (including the Act of
5 March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 783, chapter 263; 25
6 U.S.C. 396) and the regulations issued under
7 that Act), the Secretary of the Interior or a
8 designee of the Secretary may approve mineral
9 leases of an allotment described in paragraph
10 (2) in any case in which the Indian owners of
11 that allotment have executed leases to more
12 than 50 percent of the mineral estate of that al-
13 lotment.

14 (B) BENEFITS OF LEASES.—At such time
15 as mineral leases on an allotment have been ap-
16 proved for all Indian ownership interests pursu-
17 ant to this section, all Indian owners of the al-
18 lotment shall be entitled to the benefits of the
19 leases.

20 (2) ALLOTMENT.—An allotment described in
21 this paragraph is an allotment that—

22 (A) is located in the Fort Berthold Indian
23 Reservation, North Dakota; and

24 (B) is held in trust by the United States.

1 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—This Act supersedes
2 the Act of March 3, 1909 (35 Stat. 783, chapter 263; 25
3 U.S.C. 396) only to the extent provided in subsection (a).

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