

**(b) Use of payments**

Amounts paid to a State or county under subsection (a) shall be used consistent with the terms of section 191 of this title.

(Pub. L. 91-581, §20, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1572; Pub. L. 100-443, §5(a), Sept. 22, 1988, 102 Stat. 1768; Pub. L. 103-66, title X, §10202(b), Aug. 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 408; Pub. L. 109-58, title II, §224(b), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 663.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

2005—Pub. L. 109-58 inserted section catchline and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Subject to the provisions of section 191(b) of this title, all moneys received from the sales, bonuses, royalties and rentals under the provisions of this chapter, including the payments referred to in section 1005(i) of this title, shall be disposed of in the same manner as such moneys received pursuant to section 191 of this title or pursuant to section 355 of this title, as the case may be.”

1993—Pub. L. 103-66 substituted “Subject to the provisions of section 191(b) of this title, all moneys” for “All moneys”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-443 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “All moneys received under this chapter from public lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary shall be disposed of in the same manner as moneys received from the sale of public lands. Moneys received under this chapter from other lands shall be disposed of in the same manner as other receipts from such lands.”

**§ 1020. Publication in Federal Register; reservation of mineral rights**

Geothermal resources in lands the surface of which has passed from Federal ownership but in which the minerals have been reserved to the United States shall not be developed or produced except under geothermal leases made pursuant to this chapter. If the Secretary of the Interior finds that such development is imminent, or that production from a well heretofore drilled on such lands is imminent, he shall so report to the Attorney General, and the Attorney General is authorized and directed to institute an appropriate proceeding in the United States district court of the district in which such lands are located, to quiet the title of the United States in such resources, and if the court determines that the reservation of minerals to the United States in the lands involved included the geothermal resources, to enjoin their production otherwise than under the terms of this chapter: *Provided*, That upon an authoritative judicial determination that Federal mineral reservation does not include geothermal resources the duties of the Secretary of the Interior to report and of the Attorney General to institute proceedings, as hereinafter set forth, shall cease.

(Pub. L. 91-581, §21, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1572; Pub. L. 109-58, title II, §236(1), (3), (19), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 671, 673.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

2005—Pub. L. 109-58 inserted section catchline, struck out “(b)” before “Geothermal”, substituted “does not include geothermal resources” for “does not include

geothermal steam and associated geothermal resources”, and struck out subsec. (a) which read as follows: “Within one hundred and twenty days after December 24, 1970, the Secretary shall cause to be published in the Federal Register a determination of all lands which were included within any known geothermal resources area on December 24, 1970. He shall likewise publish in the Federal Register from time to time his determination of other known geothermal resources areas specifying in each case the date the lands were included in such area; and”.

**§ 1021. Federal exemption from State water laws**

Nothing in this chapter shall constitute an express or implied claim or denial on the part of the Federal Government as to its exemption from State water laws.

(Pub. L. 91-581, §22, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1573; Pub. L. 109-58, title II, §236(20), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 673.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

2005—Pub. L. 109-58 inserted section catchline.

**§ 1022. Prevention of waste; exclusivity**

(a) All leases under this chapter shall be subject to the condition that the lessee will, in conducting his exploration, development, and producing operations, use all reasonable precautions to prevent waste of geothermal resources developed in the lands leased.

(b) Rights to develop and utilize geothermal resources underlying lands owned by the United States may be acquired solely in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 91-581, §23, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1573; Pub. L. 109-58, title II, §236(1), (21), Aug. 8, 2005, 119 Stat. 671, 673.)

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

2005—Pub. L. 109-58 inserted section catchline and substituted “geothermal resources” for “geothermal steam and associated geothermal resources” in subsecs. (a) and (b).

**§ 1023. Rules and regulations**

The Secretary shall prescribe such rules and regulations as he may deem appropriate to carry out the provisions of this chapter. Such regulations may include, without limitation, provisions for (a) the prevention of waste, (b) development and conservation of geothermal and other natural resources, (c) the protection of the public interest, (d) assignment, segregation, extension of terms, relinquishment of leases, development contracts, unitization, pooling, and drilling agreements, (e) compensatory royalty agreements, suspension of operations or production, and suspension or reduction of rentals or royalties, (f) the filing of surety bonds to assure compliance with the terms of the lease and to protect surface use and resources, (g) use of the surface by a lessee of the lands embraced in his lease, (h) the maintenance by the lessee of an active development program, and (i) protection of water quality and other environmental qualities.